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Developer makes offer on 290 acres of Port property

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

The cash-strapped Port of Sacramento may have another option to raise money.

Richard Benvenuti, representing his father, Sacramento-area developer Richard Benvenuti, presented the port's governing board with an offer Monday to buy 290 acres of the port's Southport land for about $22 million. The land is located along Southport Parkway.

Benvenuti also told the governing board that the deal could be structured to help the port with its short-term cash needs, providing some money up front. He said that it was an "all cash" offer and the buyer "could move very quickly."

Port commission chairman Micheal McGowan thanked Benvenuti for the offer and directed staff to begin analyzing it so the commission could discuss it early next month.

On the commission's regular agenda was the discussion of other ways to raise money fast – the port has a large bond payment due in July, and insufficient money to make that payment. Port staff members believe that about $2 million in borrowing could help the facility cover the bond payment and expected losses until the long-term financial situation is addressed.

A proposal early this year from the City of West Sacramento was for the city to buy a 65-acre parcel from the port for $1 million, with an agreement that the port could later buy it back for the same amount plus four percent interest. That offer has been enlarged to include a $2 million purchase price and additional port land for collateral. Additional collateral has been deemed necessary because the 65-acres includes value-reducing easement rights owned by the Army Corps of Engineers.

A second proposal appeared to have momentum at the port's governing board meeting in early May: staff members recommended that the port sell $2 million in revenue bonds using the 65 acres as collateral. But after the proposed bond underwriter learned of the easements, he estimated that there was a 10-20 percent chance that the sale might not be successful, even at a higher (seven percent, instead of six percent) interest rate.

"With the Port's financial dilemma, staff feels the risk of not selling these notes is unacceptable," reported staffmember Doug Thompson.

The commission discussed both possibilities in closed session but took no action. The issues are scheduled to come up again in two weeks.

Special joint meeting for council, planners

The West Sacramento City Council will sit in a rare joint meeting with the city's planning commission tonight beginning at 6 p.m. at the civic center.

The chief agenda item for the joint meeting will be a workshop on the "Blueprint for the Future" program sponsored by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG). The "Blueprint" program attempts to help shape future growth – and avoid sprawl, traffic congestion and air pollution – as the region adds more homes and jobs.

Following the special joint meeting will be a 7 p.m. meeting of the city council alone.

Body found of man who may have jumped from bridge

The body of a man who is believed to have jumped from the Pioneer Bridge (the Sacramento-West Sacramento freeway overpass over the Sacramento River) was pulled from the river on Thursday.

At least one witness reported that a man parked his car on the bridge on Sunday, May 9, and jumped off the bridge. Law enforcement and rescue personnel searched for several hours without finding the body. The abandoned car was registered to Rogel Marlulu of Sacramento, and Manlulu was listed as a missing person as a result of the incident.

But at about 12:45 p.m. on May 13, a body later identified as that of Manlulu was located in the river and retrieved by the Sacramento Fire Department. A Sacramento Coroner's Office spokesperson said Monday that an official determination of Manlulu's cause of death was still pending.

Teens attracted to new skatepark

By Daryl Fisher
Feature Editor
and Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

There has been a little arson, and some garbage and broken bottles at the new West Sacramento skateboard park near Evergreen and Merkley Avenues. But the facility has seen use by hundreds of teens and is largely a success so far, reports Paul Reyes of the West Sacramento Parks and Community Services Department.

"People are excited about it," said Reyes, a recreation supervisor for the department. "There really aren't many complaints."

Reyes said that turnout at the park has been great.

"You're looking at about 300 people on the weekends and 100 to 200 people on weekday nights, with about 50 or so skating and another 100 hanging out."

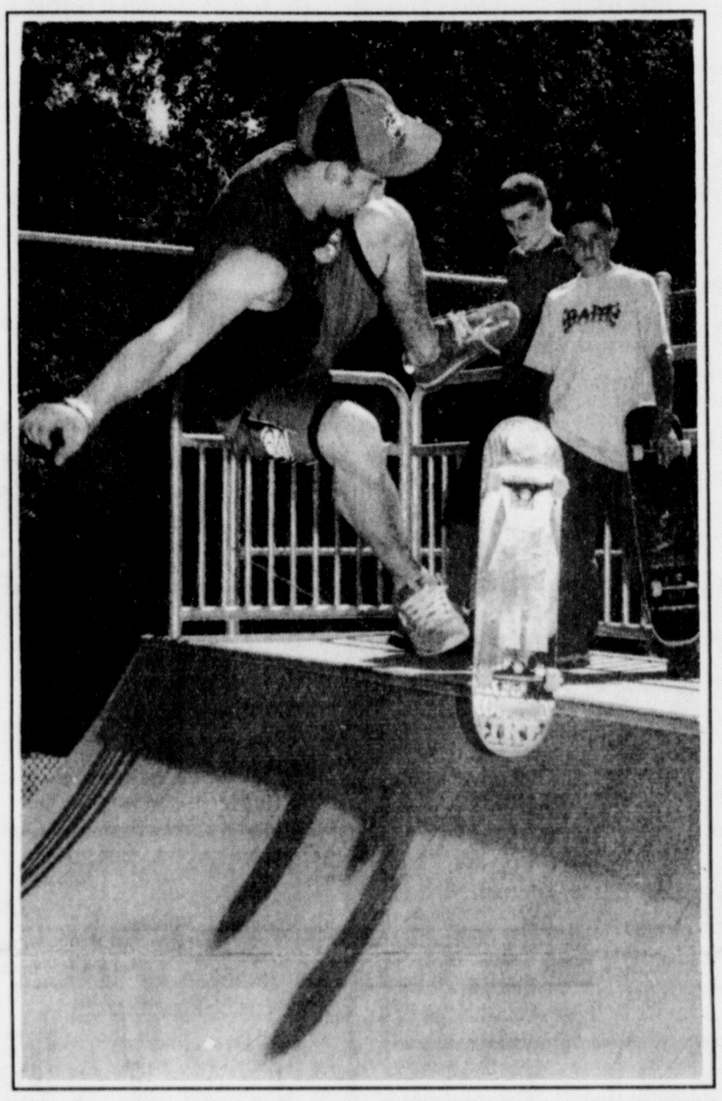
Reyes explained that the city has made a decision – driven by liability concerns – to make the park unsupervised and self-policing. So far, the self-policing is working out pretty well, he said.

"The whole thing is a liability issue," Reyes explained. "If the city has someone there, it would have to require each (park user) to have kneepads, elbow pads and a helmet, based on what our insurance company tells us. Is a high school-age staff person going to tell a group of kids they can't come in without safety equipment?"

"But if we put that a helmet is 'highly recommended' on a sign there, and don't staff the park, there is no obligation as far as the city's liability is concerned. There is no need to get permission slips from parents for kids to use the park."

So do the kids wear a helmet when they skate at the park?

"We want people to wear safety gear, but they don't wear it," said Reyes.



BERNIE HICKS, 20, temporarily separates from his skateboard at the top of a ramp at West Sacramento's new skatepark on Evergreen Avenue.
News-Ledger photo by Barry Blacklaw

The News-Ledger recently visited and found a large portion of the skaters wearing safety gear.

Reyes reports that since the park opened this month, he is aware of one fairly serious injury – a broken ankle.

There have been some problems with trash and vandalism.

"A couple of weeks ago, they lit up all the garbage cans, but there hasn't been any major trouble at all."

There has been no graffiti "tagging" to speak of, he added – and that might be partly due to the kids' awareness that they will suffer if there is graffiti.

"No one's tagged it," said Reyes. "I think in part that's because of the policy. If someone tags it, we will close the facility down until we can fix it. If it takes us two days (to repair the vandalism), then the park is closed for two days. If they tag all the ramps, it might take us a week, and the park is closed for that week. So they're policing it themselves."

Several teenagers using the new skateboard park told the News-Ledger they think it is serving a great purpose.

"I'm just glad they finally built a skatepark," said Alex Workman, 16. "Now we have someplace to go and don't have to worry about getting kicked out of other places where people don't want us to skateboard."

Workman is a River City High School student.

Fellow River City "Raider" Sean Gillim echoed his comments:

"Skateboarding is a lot of fun – a rush – and it gives me something to do," said Gillim, 16. "Sometimes the younger kids get in the way, but everyone gets along pretty well. It would be nice if some of the ramps were movable so we could set up some of the things we like to do, but overall it is a pretty good skateboarding park."

Gillim's older brother, 18-year old Mike Gillim, said "my only complaint is that there isn't any shade, the concrete could be smoother, and there are no drains for when the rains come. But I'm really glad they built it and we have somewhere to go."

Fourteen-year old Michael Cardenas said he was visiting the park from Elk Grove.

"They don't have any skateboarding parks there," said Cardenas. "Plus, this one is free and it has something for everyone, no matter what level of skateboarding you do. Everyone can have fun here."

Parent Vincent Ortiz brought his eight-year old son Jesse to the park.

"I think the park is a great idea," said the elder Ortiz. "My son is just learning how to skateboard and this is a really great place for him to go. If he wasn't here, he'd just be at home doing nothing -- but now he's outside and getting some good exercise."

Reyes, from the parks department, said one improvement that skaters will see at the park comes in response to their complaint about the "rough" pavement. A contractor is now working to smooth out the surface, he said.

A "grand opening" celebration for the park is scheduled for July 17 at 11 a.m.

'KJ' makes a layup & teen center opens—

Several hundred people came to the grand opening of the "Frances and Chuck Collings West Sacramento Teen Center" on Merkley Avenue on May 11. The center is designed for high school-age teens and includes computer-equipped classrooms, a fitness area, indoor basketball court, video game stations, a TV lounge and snack area. Namesakes Chuck Collings (former C.E.O. of Raley's, headquartered in West Sacramento) and his wife Frances have been active in several area youth projects.

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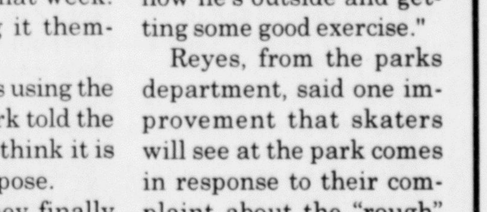

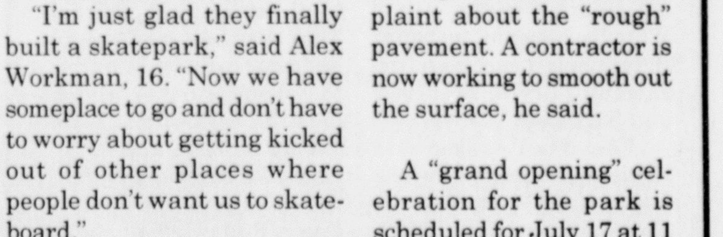

ABOVE RIGHT: Sacramento River Cats C.E.O. Art Savage; former NBA star and St. Hope Academy founder Kevin Johnson – who drove to a successful lay-up on the center's basketball court to help open the facility; and West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon.

BELOW RIGHT: At the ribbon-cutting are West Sacramento Mayor pro tem Oscar Villegas, the River Cats' Art Savage, Frances and Chuck Collings with the ceremonial scissors, River Cats mascot "Dinger," teen center executive director Dave Dove, and Melody and Don Bosley of Second Mile.

Will Rogers; church signs; and motherhood

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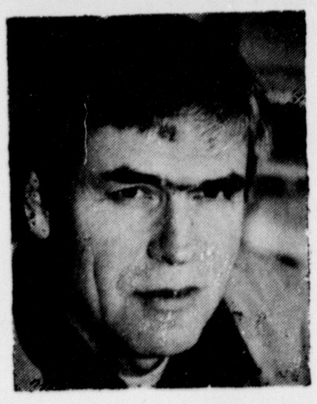

By Daryl Fisher

Will Rogers, who died in a plane crash way back in 1935, was considered the greatest political sage of his era, and maybe the best one this country has ever known. Here are just a few of his most often repeated insights:

1. Never slap a man who is chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. There are two theories when it comes to arguing with a woman, and neither one of them works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing you want to do is stop digging.
7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.
8. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
9. If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
10. Letting the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than puttir.g it back in.
11. Eventually you will reach a point where you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
12. The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.
13. Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.
14. When you are dissatisfied with life and would like to go back to your youth, think of Algebra.
15. I don't know how I got over the hill without ever getting to the top of the darn thing.
16. One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.
17. If you don't learn to laugh at your troubles, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.

Here are some actual signs that were posted outside of churches:

1. "Church parking is for parishioners only. Trespassers will be baptized."
2. "Free trip to heaven. Details inside."
3. "Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins."
4. "Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here."
5. "Are you in the dark? Follow the Son."
6. Under a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments were inscribed were the words, "For fast, fast relief, take two tablets."
7. "People are like tea bags -- you have to put them in hot water before they know how strong they are."
8. "Fight truth decay -- study the Bible daily."
9. "How will you spend eternity -- in the smoking or non-smoking area?"
10. "Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world!"
11. "It is unlikely that there will ever be a reduction in the wages of sin."
12. "Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church."
13. "If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns."
14. "Running low on faith? Step in for a fill-up."
15. "CH___CH. What's missing?"

And finally, with Mother's Day having just passed, here are some thoughts about just how special all our mom's are:

"All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel of a Mother." Abraham Lincoln

"God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers." Jewish proverb

"Of all the rights of women, the greatest is to be a mother." Lin Yutang

"The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness." Balzac

"My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her." George Washington

"The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom." Henry Beecher

"Youth fades, love droops, the leaves of friendship fall; A mother's secret hope outlives them all." Oliver Wendell Holmes

Obituaries

Edna "Jean" Mattos

Jean Mattos passed away in Sacramento at the age of 66 on May 14, 2004. She was the beloved wife of the late Ralph Mattos; the loving mother of Edward, Mickey (wife, Janet), and Tammy (companion, Karen Olsen) Mattos; the dear sister of Pat Littleton, Dal Littleton, and Roxie Starks; the devoted grandmother of Brandie, Samantha, Daniel, Danielle, Tiffany and Randal; and the great grandmother of Austin and Madeline.

Jean was a native of Missouri and a 52 year resident of West Sacramento. Her passion was keeping score for her kid's youth sports activities. She was also an avid Kings, Giants, and 49ers fan. Friends are invited to attend memorial services on May 19, 2004 at 10 a.m. in the River Cities Funeral Chapel in West Sacramento. Private inurnment will be at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Donald D. "Papa" Kemp

Donald Kemp passed away at home in West Sacramento at the age of 74 surrounded by his loving family on May 14, 2004. He was the beloved husband of 27 years to Cheri Kemp; the loving father of Steve (Debi) Kemp, Lori (Dan) Nielsen, and Dan (Patty) Kemp; the dear brother of Joe (Sue) Kemp; and the devoted Papa of Andrew, Marcus, Ashley, Ariel and Matthew. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Donald was a native of Oregon and a 54 year resident of West Sacramento. He was a charter member of the Washington Outboard Motor Club and was a volunteer deputy sheriff with the Yolo County Sheriff's Department. He retired after over 30 years of service with SMUD as foreman of the tree maintenance crew. He will be deeply missed by all.

Friends are invited to attend funeral services on May 20, 2004 at 10 a.m. in the River Cities Funeral Chapel. Graveside services will be held May 21, 2004 at 9 a.m. in the Williams Cemetery in Williams, California. Memorials are preferred to the Sutter Hospice or charity of choice.

Betty Folkner

Betty Folkner passed away at the age of 69 in Sacramento on May 6, 2004. She was the loving mother of William and Hersthell (Danae) Folkner; the loving sister of Virgil (Jiffie), Judy, Mary and Dorothy; and the devoted grandmother of four and great grandmother of one. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Sarah, and her brother, Jim.

Betty was a native of Bakersfield and a 39 year resident of West Sacramento. A memorial service was held on May 15, 2004 in West Sacramento's River Cities Funeral Chapel. Inurnment was at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield. Her family would like to extend special thanks to the caregivers of Mercy General, MICU for their tender care of Betty.

Florence Fratis

Florence Fratis passed away at the age of 90 at home in Sacramento on May 13, 2004. She was the beloved mother of Dorene (Ronald) Tobler, Dennis (Barbara) Fratis, LaVonne "Babe" Crum, Kathie Fratis Morris, Judy (Dennis) McKinnon and Lew (Cheryl) Fratis; and the devoted grandmother of 13, great grandmother of 28, and great-great grandmother of three. She was preceded in death by one brother and three sisters.

Florence was a native of Clarksburg, a former resident of West Sacramento, and a resident of Sacramento for the past 18 years.

Friends are invited to attend memorial services on May 19, 2004 at 7 p.m. in the River Cities Funeral Chapel. Private inurnment will be at St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to American Cancer Society or Sutter Hospice.

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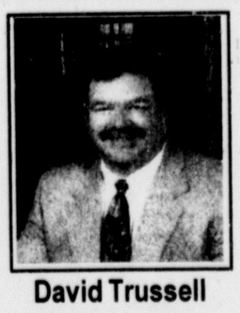

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The real estate question on the top of this year's list is, " will interest rates go up? " While rates inched upward to 6.44 percent last September, they keep hovering at attractively low levels, averaging 5.58 percent for the 30-year fixed rate and 4.89 percent for the 15-year fixed rate at the end of February.

Industry experts are predicting that housing market conditions will continue to be favorable in 2004. The projected average for the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage is 6.4 percent, which isn't much higher than the 5.8 percent average for 2003. With inflation under control, mortgage interest rates are remaining close to historic low levels much longer than anyone anticipated.

Existing home prices are expected to increase 4.7 percent in 2004, which represents a slowing down of price appreciation compared to the 9.1 percent increase of 2003. This is good news for homebuyers who want to take advantage of low interest rates but are afraid that home prices will soar out of range.

Home buying and refinancing should continue to be very affordable for the American consumer. It's recommended that buyers seek financing for a home mortgage that is no more than 25 percent of their gross monthly income, and that they set aside at least 20 percent of the purchase price in cash for the down payment and financing costs.

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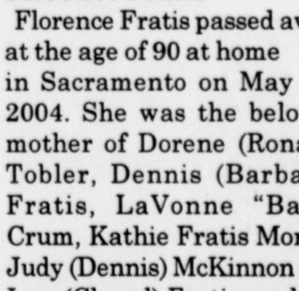

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SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

Kings Korner

The Western Conference semi-final is down to one game with the winner moving on to the Western Conference Title game. The Kings' and Timberwolves' seven-game series is now all tied up at three games apiece. The Kings avoided playoff eliminated on Sunday afternoon with a 104-87 win over Kevin Garnett and his T-Wolves.

I predicted this series would go seven games and that the winner of this series would win the Western Conference Title. I just hope they save enough gas for the Lakers.

The Lakers finished off the Spurs after losing the first two games in San Antonio. Derek Fisher sank a game winning shot with .04 remaining in the game to win game five and seal the Spurs' fate. The Lakers went on to beat the Spurs four games in a row to eliminate the defending NBA Champions from the playoffs. The Shaq-and-Kobe show will now perform in the Western Conference final against the Kings or Wolves.

The Lakers finished up the regular season on a high note, winning the Pacific Division while the Kings struggled and now must travel for game seven in Minnesota.

The Kings and Wolves have been pushing, fouling and cussing during the whole resulting in the ejection of Brad Miller in game five and of the mild-mannered Anthony Peeler in Sunday's game six. The Purple, Silver and Black were down but not out. Coach Adelman finally used his bench in game six, but not until Bibby, Christie and Miller each picked up their fifth foul. Peeler will probably miss game seven because of the punch.

Where is Bobby Jackson? Jackson may play on Wednesday night.

The star of game six was little-known Rodney Buford, who was signed late in the season after a couple of ten-day contracts. Buford scored seven big points in the fourth quarter. Buford was the Miami Heat's second round pick (#53 overall) in the 1999 draft. He was then traded to Hornets, who waived him in 2000. He was signed as a free agent by the 76ers and actually played in the playoffs with Philly.

Before the start of game six, the Arco Arena fans were awarded the 2004 "NBA's Fan Friendliest Team Award". This award is an honor bestowed to an organization that highlights their focus on the fan, their needs, desires and satisfaction. The Kings have the best fans in the NBA.

Maybe they should have waited until next year to present the award to the Maloof's especially after the 17,317 booed the referees unmercifully and threw objects (glow sticks) on to the court before a national television audience. The fans also threw their maracas onto the court in game 3.

The referee's did make some bad calls but it didn't warrant a shower of glow sticks and maracas. This will probably lead the Kings management to take a good look at fan giveaway items.

So, hold on to your socks because game 7 is set for Wednesday, May 19th (5:30 p.m.-TNT) and you won't have to worry about another game going into overtime again! Hopefully when you read this column next week we'll be reviewing the Kings and Lakers in the Western Conference series.

Go Kings!

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Sports QUIZ
by Chris Richcreek

1. Name the last Cleveland Indians player to hit for the cycle before Travis Hafner did it in 2003?
2. The Detroit Tigers nearly set a major-league record in 2003 with 58 home losses. What team holds the mark with 59?
3. Who holds the NCAA Division I football record for most sacks in a season?
4. How many NBA coaches who were active at the end of the 2003-04 NBA regular season had at least 400 career victories?
5. Colorado's Joe Sakic recorded a hat trick in the 2004 NHL All-Star Game. When was the last one?
6. How many NCAA men's soccer titles has the University of Indiana won?
7. Who is the only heavyweight boxing champion to win, defend and lose his title without ever fighting in his home country?

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Raider tennis sees ups & downs

The best singles players and doubles teams from six high school leagues converged on Stockton's Oak Park tennis courts last week for the Sac-Joaquin Section Division III Tournament. River City High School sent a seven-player contingent and came away with three wins and four defeats.

In the boys singles even, RC's Judd Jadol won his first match before falling 1-6,1-6 in the quarterfinals. Kyle Fisher and Anthony Bianchi were given a first round bye after winning the Capital Valley Conference (CVC) boys doubles title, but they, too, were upended in the quarters by the score of 6-4,1-6,2-6.

In the mixed doubles event, two Raider pairs participated. Sen Saetern and Mai Ker Yang defeated their teammates Leslie Yang and Lu Saetern in the championship match of the CVC Tournament to earn a first round bye in Stockton. Leslie Yang and Lu Saetern won their first round match before losing 3-6,1-6 in the quarterfinals. Meanwhile, in the other half of the draw, Sen Saetern (Lu's brother) and Mai Ker Yang (Leslie's cousin) won their quarterfinal match 1-6,6-3,6-1 before losing in the semifinals 7-5,4-6,2-6.

This week the Raiders will be participating in the Section's team playoffs for the ninth consecutive year. River City will host a quarterfinal match against Roseville's Oakmont High School with the winner earning a trip to the Section Final Four tomorrow in Stockton. RC received a first round bye in the playoffs after winning the CVC championship while Oakmont defeated Forest Lake Christian of Auburn. River City finished the 2004 regular season 14-0 in CVC play and 20-2 overall.

Lamar races to third

West Sacramento's Burney Lamar, 23, took a third-place finish in the NASCAR AutoZone Elite Division Southwest Series "Budweiser 125" on May 8 at Stockton Speedway. He moved from tenth to sixth in the series' point standings.

Lamar qualified fourth in a field of 30.

Lamar's next race in the Southwest Series will be at Irwindale on May 29. His major sponsor is Groeniger.

RC's powerlifting champs

Senior lifter Carlos Santos won the Men's Open Division at the 11th Annual Powerlifters of the Year competition held last week in the River City High School gymnasium. Rosa Verduzco captured first place in the Women's Open Division and Armando Hernandez won a razor close battle with Joe Sweeten to secure the Men's Strength-to-Weight title. Helene Mercado won the

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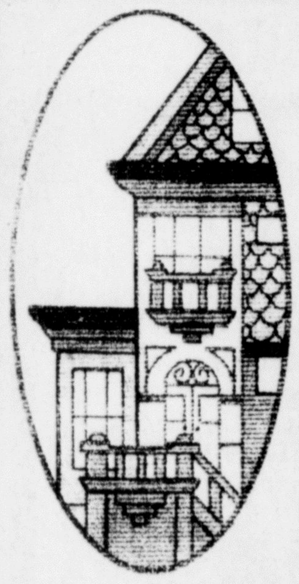

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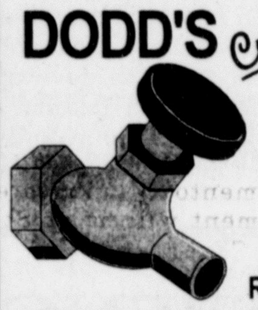

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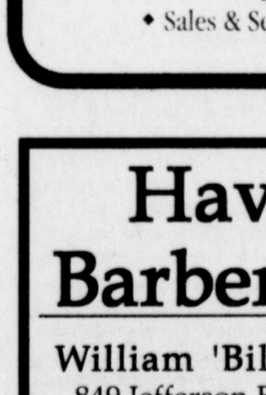

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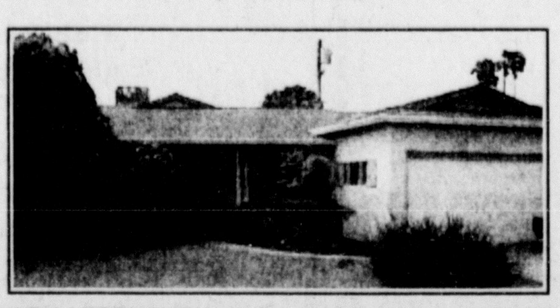

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New at the library

By Elise McCallan
Arthur F. Turner Branch Library
1212 Merkley Ave.
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The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books:

"Brothers in Arms: The Epic Story of the 761st Tank Battalion, WWII's Forgotten Heroes" by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Anthony Walton.

"The Mold in Dr. Florey's Coat: The Story of the Penicillin Miracle" by Eric Lax.

"Realistically Ever After: Finding Happiness When He's Not Prince Charming, You're Not Snow White, and Life's Not a Fairy Tale" by Cristina Ferrare.

"Ishi's Brain: In Search of America's Last "Wild" Indian" by Orin Starn.

"Ramblin' Man: The Life and Times of Woody Guthrie" by Ed Cray.

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Police log

May 11, 5:28 p.m.
A woman reported a theft the prior day. She had removed money from an automatic teller machine on West Capitol Avenue, when a man pushed her and grabbed the cash. A second male suspect was also believed to be involved.

May 13, 2:44 a.m.
Near 5th and A streets, an officer checked a car's registration and found the owner had outstanding warrants. The officer attempted a vehicle stop, but the car led police on a pursuit until it struck a fire hydrant at West Capitol and Walnut. The driver then ran away on foot, and kicked open the rear door of a Walnut Street cabin – where a pregnant woman and two small children slept – and forced entry to try to escape. A police dog bit the suspect as he was apprehended.

May 13, 5:10 a.m.
At F and 3rd streets, someone smashed a window of a locked vehicle and took items including a cell phone and charger a sports jacket.

May 14, 10:02 a.m.
A 48-year old man was arrested during the service of a search warrant Pecan Street. Found in the search were 0.8 grams of amphetamines along with drug pipes, syringes and gun ammunition. The suspect had been out on recognizance for a felony arrest, and had felony convictions on his record.

May 15, 10:12 a.m.
An officer took a report that a 1995 Buick Skylark had been taken during the night from a B Street address.

May 15, 8:45 p.m.
Police received a report that a subject threatened suicide. When they arrived, they found a letter saying the author would kill himself or had already done it. They forced open the door and found a man with a knife in one hand and a bottle of pills in the other. The man dropped the knife but took the pills. He was hospitalized.

May 16, 5 a.m.
A 54-year old man was found dead in bed. He had multiple medical conditions before his death.

May 16, 12:30 p.m.
A Pine Street man told police of a 1991 Honda that was stolen. Neighbors reported seeing a nearby resident driving it.

May 16, 12:45 p.m.
A man on Bowlen reported a van license plate was stolen.

May 16, 4:15 p.m.
A suspect tried to use a counterfeit $50 bill to pay for goods. The suspect left it behind.

May 16, 5:49 p.m.
At a West Capitol supermarket, a man and woman were detained by store security for shoplifting. The suspects were cited and released by police.

May 16, 10:10 p.m.
On Glide Avenue, a man reported that his teenage daughter left home on a bus for Oklahoma. The man had contacted the destination's law enforcement agencies to ask them to look for the girl.

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Homeless service providers receive $375k

From the County of Yolo

The County of Yolo was recently awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of $374,678 to help support the area's homeless service providers. The award will stabilize programs that have been impacted by reductions to other state and federal funding streams and allow agencies to maintain current levels of service.

"This new funding source will help Davis Community Meals continue our programs throughout the coming fiscal year and helps stabilize the financial resources available to us. It will certainly provide much needed financial relief to all of the homeless service providers in Yolo County. We are extremely grateful to the County Public Works Department, Department of Employment and Social Services, and to the Board of Supervisors for all of their support and assistance in helping us apply for this funding," commented the agency's director and co-chair of the Yolo County Homeless Coalition, Bill Pride.

The Community Development Block Grant included: $68,000 for the Yolo Wayfarer Center; $87,725 for Broderick Christian Center; $58,162 for Davis Community Meals; $47,886 for the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center; $44,058 for the Short Term Emergency Aid Committee; and $68,847 for the Yolo Community Care Continuum.

For more information, contact the Wayfarer Center in Woodland at (530) 661-1218.

OBITUARIES from page two

Anthony Robert Lomeli

Anthony Lomeli passed away on May 5, 2004. Be was the beloved son of Carol (John) Argee; the dear brother of Anita, Andrea, and Annette Lomeli, and Josh Argee; the loving grandson of Guadalupe (Greg) Jones-Krem, Mary Norris and Beverly Argee; and the dear nephew of Kristina (David) Norris, Timothy Norris, Yuonne (Anthony) Robles, Manual (Yolanda), Albert, Cecelia and Elizabeth Lomeli. He is also survived by his father, Martin Lomeli, and many loving "J" family, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Edgar Norris.

Burial was at Camellia Memorial Lawn in Sacramento.

Javier Mendez Arroyo

Javier Arroyo died accidentally in Clarksburg on May 15, 2004. He was the beloved husband of Beatriz Arellano; the loving father of Maria, Javier and Beatriz Arroyo; the dear brother of Jesus, Luis, Carmen, Martha, Teresa, Luz Maria, Salome, Leticia and Nicolas; and the devoted grandfather of Toribio and a future baby boy due in June.

Friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial to be offered on May 21, 2004 at 10 a.m. in Holy Cross Catholic Church, 1321 Anna Street in West Sacramento. Recitation of the Rosary will be on May 20, 2004 at 7:30 p.m., also in the church. Visitation in the River Cities Funeral Chapel will be on May 20, 2004 from 2-6 p.m.

Interment will be at St. Mary's Cemetery.

STRENGTH from p. 3

Women's Strength-to-Weight Division.

"I want to thank all the competitors and volunteers for their hard work," said Meet Director Chris Baker. "It was an exciting competition and I'm proud of everyone who participated."

Final standing (1st, 2nd, 3rd):

Men's Open Division: Carlos Santos, Ruben Nunez, Tim Duran.

Women's Open Division: Rosa Verdusco, Ally West, Tara Shuster.

Men's St-Wt: Armando Hernandez, Joe Sweeten, Taylor Turner.

Women's St-Wt: Helene Mercado, Jessica Rhea, Shannon Niebuhr.

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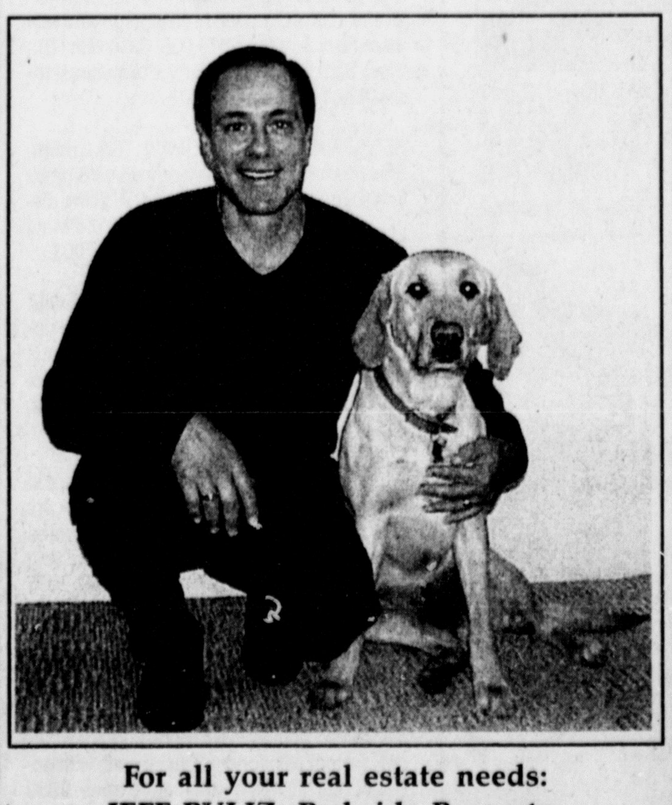
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
PT04-693

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner Raymond Leslie Linaweaver filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: Raymond Leslie Linaweaver. Proposed name: Raymond Scott Linaweaver.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: July 6, 2004, at 8:30 a.m., Dept. 11, at Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 725 Court St., Woodland, CA 95695.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: News Ledger.
Date: 5/10/04
/s/Thomas E. Warriner
Judge of the Superior Court
May 19 26 Jun 2 9

NOTICE OF HEARING
JUNE 3, 2004

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday, June 3, 2004, at West Sacramento Civic Center, Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard:
6:00 p.m.

Zoning Administrator (ZA) Actions
Item #1
None
Regular Agenda
Item #2
Lindenwood Tentative Subdivision Map & Conditional Use Permit (TSM 03-06; CUP 03-08)

This item is a request to subdivide a 16.7-acre parcel into 176 single-family lots, to be serviced by private streets. A Planned Development Permit is also proposed. A Conditional Use Permit is required for single-family residential development in an R-3 zone. The property is located at 2637 Linden Road (APN #45-280-42) and is zoned R-3 (Multi-Family Residential). A Negative Declaration has been prepared on the project. OWNER/APPLICANT: St. Anton Investors, Inc., 1801 I Street, Suite 202, Sacramento CA 95814. (DT)
/s/Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.
May 19

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR GRANT WRITER

The City of West Sacramento is soliciting qualified firms or individuals to provide contract grant writing services to assist the Department of Grants and Community Investment with obtaining funding for a broad range of City activities. The City intends to pursue funding to support housing, economic development, infrastructure, redevelopment, information technology, public safety, parks and community services programs. The successful individual or firm must have extensive experience writing grants for a variety of funding sources utilized by local governments, have the ability to respond quickly to new funding opportunities, and demonstrate a proven success rate in obtaining grant awards.

The City recognizes that a wide range of experience is required to perform the services sought in this RFP. Consultants are encouraged to team with associates to broaden their capacity to apply for grants.

RFP packets may be picked up in person or by request at the City of West Sacramento, Department of Grants & Community Investment, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. For more information, call (916) 617-4555 or email gci@ci.west-sacramento.ca.us.

All completed proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 28, 2004. Postmarks will not be considered if the package is received late.
May 19

Habitat for Humanity
Affordable housing for low income families
Meetings about applying for a Habitat for Humanity house will be held on
Saturday, June 5, 9-11 am and 1-3 pm
Wednesday, June 9, 6:30-8:30 pm
Location: Whitehead Elementary School, 624 W. Southwood St., Woodland.
You must attend a meeting to receive an application.
For more information, call Habitat for Humanity of Yolo County, (530) 668-4301.

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—Ernest Hemingway
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF NICK HARINA
CASE NUMBER PB04-111

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of NICK HARINA:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Thomas N. Harina in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Thomas N. Harina be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 11, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Dept. 11, at 812 Court Street, Woodland CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a "Request for Special Notice" (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A "Request for Special Notice" form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/GENEVA R. NOLAND
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Sacramento CA 95815
Telephone: 916-649-4322

May 12 19 26 file

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARIA I. WASILEVSKY
CASE NUMBER PB04-092

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Maria I. Wasilevsky, aka Maria Ignatievna Wasilevsky:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Anne Kirueshkin in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Anne Kirueshkin be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 27, 2004, at 8:30 a.m., Dept. 11, at 812 Court Street, Woodland CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/Anne Kirueshkin
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May 12 19 26 file

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 19, 2004
File No. 04-415

The following person is doing business as Cellular Products USA, 4120 Douglas Blvd. #306-484, Granite Bay CA 95746:

Richard Heisler, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/19/04.

/s/Rich Heisler

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Apr 19, 2004
by: /s/Cruz Nevarez-Ortiz, Deputy Clerk

May 19 26 June 2 9

NOTICE TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Linden Cottages and Linden Cove Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map and Planned Development Permit proposed in West Sacramento. This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of subdividing 23.34 acres into 179 single-family lots. Sixty-eight of the lots will include traditional single family homes with garages located on 4,500 square foot lots. The remaining 111 lots will include single-family homes located on lots with a "Z" configuration. These lots will be 34' X 40' at the shortest end with a depth of 50 feet at the longest end. The homes on these lots will include "cottage" housing ranging in size from 754 square feet to 1,516 square feet. The houses will not have garages. Parking will be provided in parking spaces and carports.

The Planned Development Permit is required in that the lot configuration for the cottage housing proposes a reduction and deviations in the front and rear yard setbacks. The R-2 zone requires a 10-foot setback in the front. The developer proposes a zero setback. The rear setback required in the R-2 zone is 15 feet. The developer proposes a zero setback for half of the rear yard width and a 10-foot setback for the other half of the rear yard. The developer proposes a reciprocal easement agreement to provide access and maintenance for the contiguous rear yard property adjoining the zero setback. The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures, there will be no significant adverse impacts to the environment.

Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone: 916/617-4645).

Any affected or interested parties may appear at the June 17, 2004 Planning Commission meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on June 17, 2004, in the City Council Chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

May 19

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News-Ledger Editorial

Clear-eyed decisions overdue at Port

Pretend for a moment that you invested $1,000 in a stock only to see its value plummet to $150. You might have a very emotional response – perhaps an overpowering need to sell that awful stock, or perhaps a hope that if you just hang on a little bit longer, you will get your money back or even make some money and justify your initial decision to buy.

A financial advisor would probably tell you that neither of these emotional responses will lead you to make right choice right now. The advisor might ask you to look at it another way as you decide whether to sell or hold on to this stock (or even whether to buy more). You should put aside your emotions, your advisor may suggest, and consider only that you have an investment in XYZ Corporation and that investment is now worth $150. You may not like that fact, and you may not be happy with how you got there. But how you feel about it is irrelevant.

The true question of the moment is this: if somebody just handed you $150 to invest, would you consider a stock purchase of XYZ Corp. a good investment right now? After doing all the necessary research on this company and the market, would you consider a $150 investment in this stock a good purchase, or would you put that $150 somewhere else for a better chance at a better return?

If the $150 investment in XYZ looks good,, right now, then leave your money where it is. If you have good reason to believe your $150 would do better someplace else, then sell the stock and accept the loss. The fact that you bought it for $1,000 is not relevant to the choice you face right now.

And this is just about the situation faced by the cities and counties on both sides of the river who are responsible for running the Port of Sacramento. An investment was made when the port was built in the 1960s. That investment has been declining in value for years. But the decision whether to "fish or cut bait" has been postponed time and time again.

The question is, do we continue that investment in shipping at the Port of Sacramento? Do we spend more public land and money because we continue to see the port as a great long-term asset, despite its lengthy slump? Or do we decide that the facility's long-term value is limited as a shipping port, and look for some other way to generate an investment return?

A planned new study will -- if it is done right -- finally help steer the region towards some answers on these questions, partly by providing some projections on what the future of the port's shipping market might be.

The Port of Sacramento includes a valuable waterway and hundreds of acres of terrific real estate here in West Sacramento, quite close to the state capital. The facility is an asset. If we put aside the emotional issues of the past, then what, right now, is the best use for that asset? How can the cities and counties who run the Port of Sacramento best use that asset for the public good?

In other words: Put aside the past for a moment. If somebody handed this region that waterway, that acreage, that job base and that shipping facility right now, then what would we choose to do with it to generate the most good for the region? Would we begin to turn it into a successful shipping port and would we be willing to dedicate all the resources that this might take? Would we close the shipping port and use the port's assets other ways? Or would we leave the shipping operations open, with or without outside subsidies, and direct the port's unused real estate into other kinds of economic development?

It finally seems obvious to most parties that the port's problems are not temporary. Answers to the "big picture," strategic questions are long overdue. The planned land uses of hundreds of West Sacramento acres continue to hang in the balance.

And no, the question does not come down to whether or not anyone is advocating trying to "kill" the shipping operations at the Port of Sacramento – few truly want to do that. The question is just whether or not this region should continue to subsidize those failing operations with more public assets -- including West Sacramento land -- merely to keep those operations alive a little bit longer, into a still-uncertain future.

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In the same vein, as long as a true master planning and reevaluation of the port's land use plan is taking place, it seems like a questionable idea to sell off 290 acres of the port's Southport land for industrial use at this time.

It's a shame we aren't further along in the re-evaluation and master planning process.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks!

The Second Annual Safety Slam Jam was held at Golden State Middle School on May 7th. Last year's game was exciting and this year's game was even more so. The fire department triumphed over the police department once again and both teams worked hard and gave the crowd a rocking good show!

The River City High School Parent Club and the Collings West Sacramento Teen Center estimated over 600 people attended the event. The proceeds will go towards scholarships for graduating seniors and will also help to support the Collings Teen Center's Safe and Sober Grad Nite.

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Thank you all very much for your time, energy and support! See you next year at the 3rd Annual Safety Slam Jam!

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Negative campaigning

As the presidential election looms, along with the senate race and numerous other state and local races, we need to get a clear understanding of what is negative campaigning and what is not.

Often it seems a partisan issue, because one party views negative campaigning one way and the other party another way, but all parties have some similarity in their response.

One typical view of negative campaigning is to impugn a person's character by the use of words like right-wing extremist, unqualified, ignorant, anti-choice, and stupid.

Another view of negative campaigning is discussing the person's voting record and how their votes actually had an effect on people. Often it is referring to someone's record of opposing the military because of one vote, however other votes give a different picture. Or it involves saying their voting record doesn't matter, it's only today's promise; or trying to sit on both sides of an issue. Very different definitions of what is negative campaigning.

We need clarity of what is negative campaigning and what is not. Talking about somebody's voting record, accurately, is not negative campaigning, distorting their record is.

Describing how the vote of somebody had specific consequences is not negative campaigning, distorting the truth about the consequences is.

Referring to someone as unqualified or ignorant or an extremist would normally be negative campaigning, however if you can accurately show that the person by their lack of experience is unqualified, or that they don't understand what their actions will lead to is ignorant, or that their voting record is actually on the fringe of the political system and therefore extreme, then they are not negative campaigning.

In the 1980s we had a lot of ignorant US senators. They raised taxes on a declining yacht

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CITATION

TO: All Persons Claiming to be the Father of the Above Named Minor:

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/s/Morgan Gregory

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: May 5, 2004
by: /s/Elizabeth Montoya, Deputy Clerk
May 19 26 June 2 9

OSTAC NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No: A330675 Unit Code: A Loan No: 651-651-5991692-0001/PEASE AP No: 064-301-10 T.D. SERVICE COMPANY, as duly appointed Trustee under the following described Deed of Trust WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (in the forms which are lawful tender in the United States) and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to T.D. Service Company) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property hereinafter described: Trustor:MARK M. PEASE Recorded September 23, 1998 as Instr. No. 98-0027630-00 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County, pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded January 29, 2004 as Instr. No. 2004-3633 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County; YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 1998. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 361 EL CAPITAN DRIVE, WOODLAND, CA 95695 (If a street address or common designation of property is shown above, no warranty is given as to its completeness or correctness). Said Sale of property will be made in as is condition without convenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest as in said note provided, advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Said sale will be held on: JUNE 1, 2004, AT 11:00 A.M. *ON THE MAIN STEPS OF THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 725 COURT STREET, WOODLAND, CA At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above described Deed of Trust and estimated costs, expenses, and advances is $18,154.31 It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. Date: April 30, 2004 T.D. SERVICE COMPANY as said Trustee, FRANCES DEPALMA, ASSISTANT SECRETARY T.D. SERVICE COMPANY 1820 E. FIRST ST., SUITE 210, P.O. BOX 11988 SANTA ANA, CA 92711-1988 714/543-8372 We are assisting the Beneficiary to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose whether received orally or in writing. If available, the expected opening bid and/or postponement information may be obtained by calling the following telephone number(s) on the day before the sale: 714/480-5690 TAC# 496105C PUB: 5/12/04, 5/19/04, 5/26/04

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 04-01573 Doc ID #0003773323200 5N Title Order No. 2128606 Investor/Insurer No. 3773323 APN No. 058-102-01-1 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 01/24/2001. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that CTC Real Estate Services, as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by DEEN BANDHU, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE & SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 01/24/2001 and recorded 02/01/01, as Instrument No. 2001-0003020-00, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 06/02/2004 at 12:00PM, At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1800 VIRGINIA AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA, 95691. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $39,089.23. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 05/07/2004 CTC Real Estate Services 5898 CONDOR DRIVE, MP-88 MOORPARK, CA 93021 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (805) 578-6618 By: Trustee's Sale Officer CTC Real Estate Services is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP590087 05/12, 05/ 9, 05/26

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 19, 2004
File No. 04-416

The following person is doing business as Carwashes Unlimited USA; The Builders Pro; Construction Specialties; Universal Builders; Car Wash Pro; Carwash Specialties, 1716 Deerwood St., W. Sacto. CA 95691:

Randall A. Carasco, 1716 Deerwood St., West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4-19-04.

/s/Randall Carasco

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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Apr 19, 2004
by: /s/Cruz Nevarez-Ortiz, Deputy Clerk
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PUZZLES & COMICS

R.F.D. by Mike Marland

JUST OUR LUCK, HENRY-- ONLY THREE FLOATS IN THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE...
AND WE GET STUCK IN THE ONE DRIVEN BY YOUR NEPHEW!!
SORRY, GUYS! POPPED THAT CLUTCH A LITTLE TOO QUICK AGAIN!!
JUMBLE!
CRUNCH!
OOF!
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Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

FREEZE, MAGGOT! ARMS IN THE AIR...
ON YOUR KNEES... HANDS BEHIND YOUR HEAD!
WE CAN PLAY THIS THE EASY WAY...OR THE HARD WAY.
FLOUR
SUGAR
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO A PAIR OF SLIPPERS.
NEIL WAS UNDER HOUSE ARREST.
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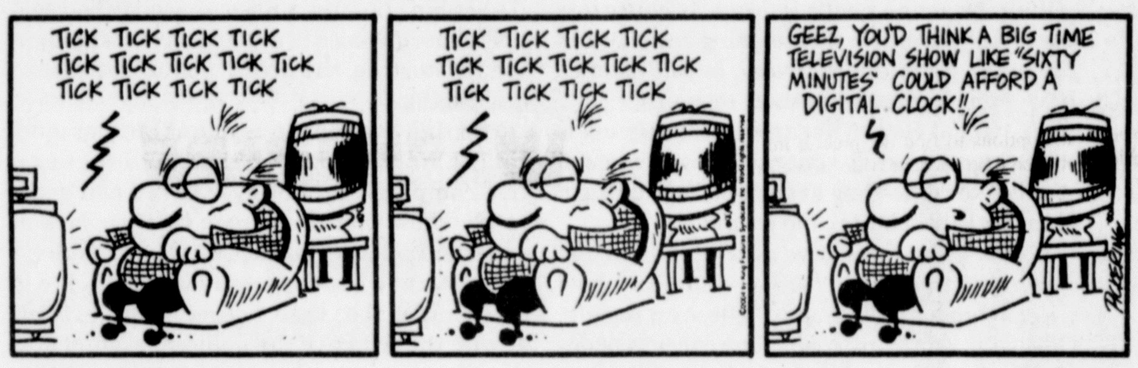
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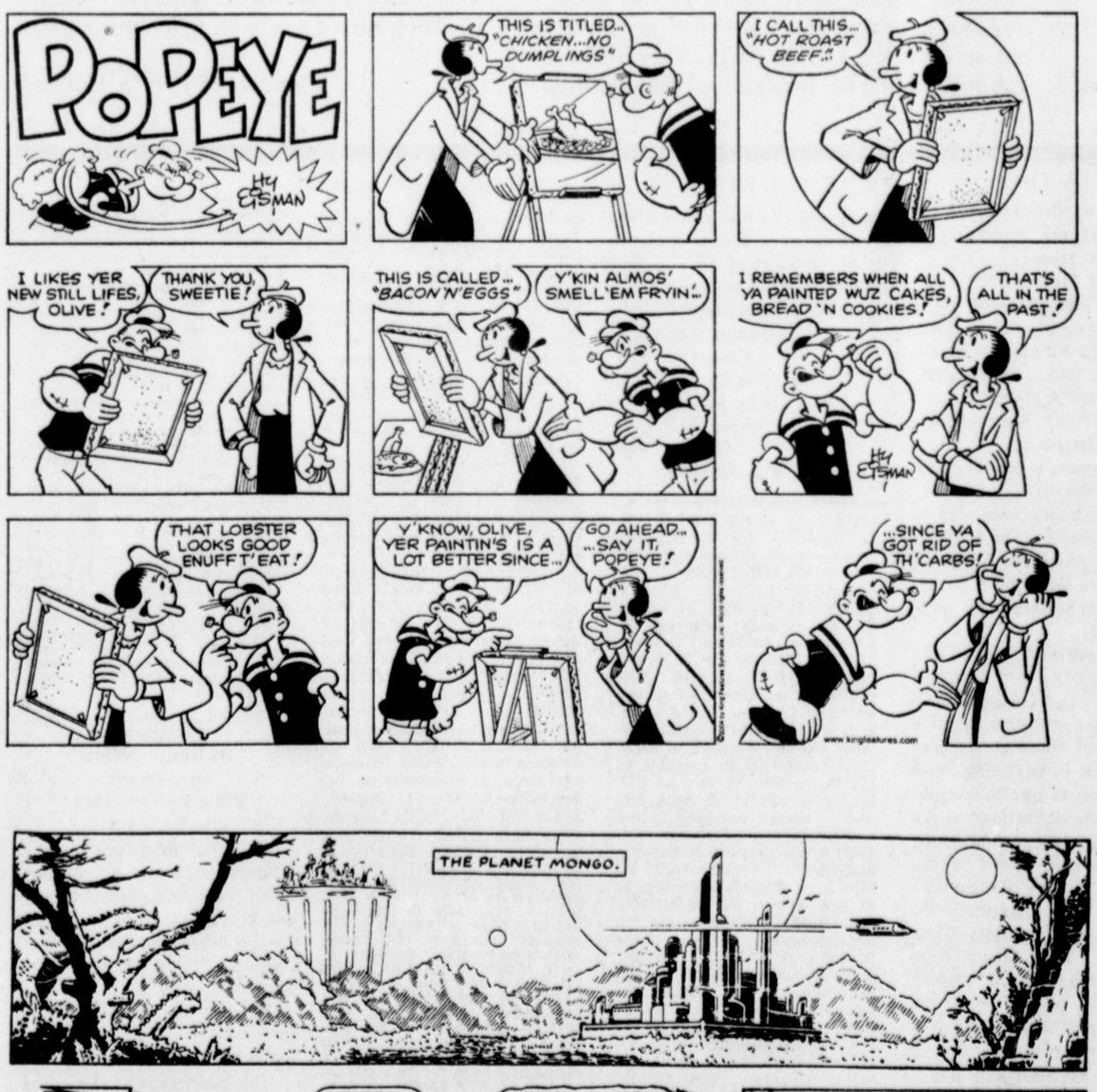
GEEZ, YOU'D THINK A BIG TIME TELEVISION SHOW LIKE "SIXTY MINUTES" COULD AFFORD A DIGITAL CLOCK!!


POPEYE
HEY EISMAN
THIS IS TITLED... "CHICKEN...NO DUMPLINGS"
I CALL THIS... "HOT ROAST BEEF."
I LIKES YER NEW STILL LIFES, OLIVE!
THANK YOU, SWEETIE!
THIS IS CALLED... "BACON 'N' EGGS"
Y'KIN ALMOS' SMELL 'EM FRYIN'...
I REMEMBERS WHEN ALL YA PAINTED WUZ CAKES, BREAD 'N COOKIES!
THAT'S ALL IN THE PAST!
THAT LOBSTER LOOKS GOOD ENUFF T' EAT!
Y'KNOW, OLIVE, YER PAINTIN'S IS A LOT BETTER SINCE...
GO AHEAD... ...SAY IT, POPEYE!
...SINCE YA GOT RID OF TH' CARBS!
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GENERAL, STOP! THE EXORCISM... IT'S GONE WRONG!
THE DEMON HAS FLED ZARKOV AND ENTERED YOU!
THEN I ACCEPT IT WILLINGLY! I CAN FEEL THE POWER OF THE COSMOS COURSING WITHIN ME!
NOW SYK WILL HAVE A KING BEFITTING ITS QUEEN.
BE MINE, AZURA. WE WILL RULE THIS KINGDOM TOGETHER!
KALLOP, YOUR HAND...
WHA...?!
NO...
NOOO!
NEXT: POSSESSED!
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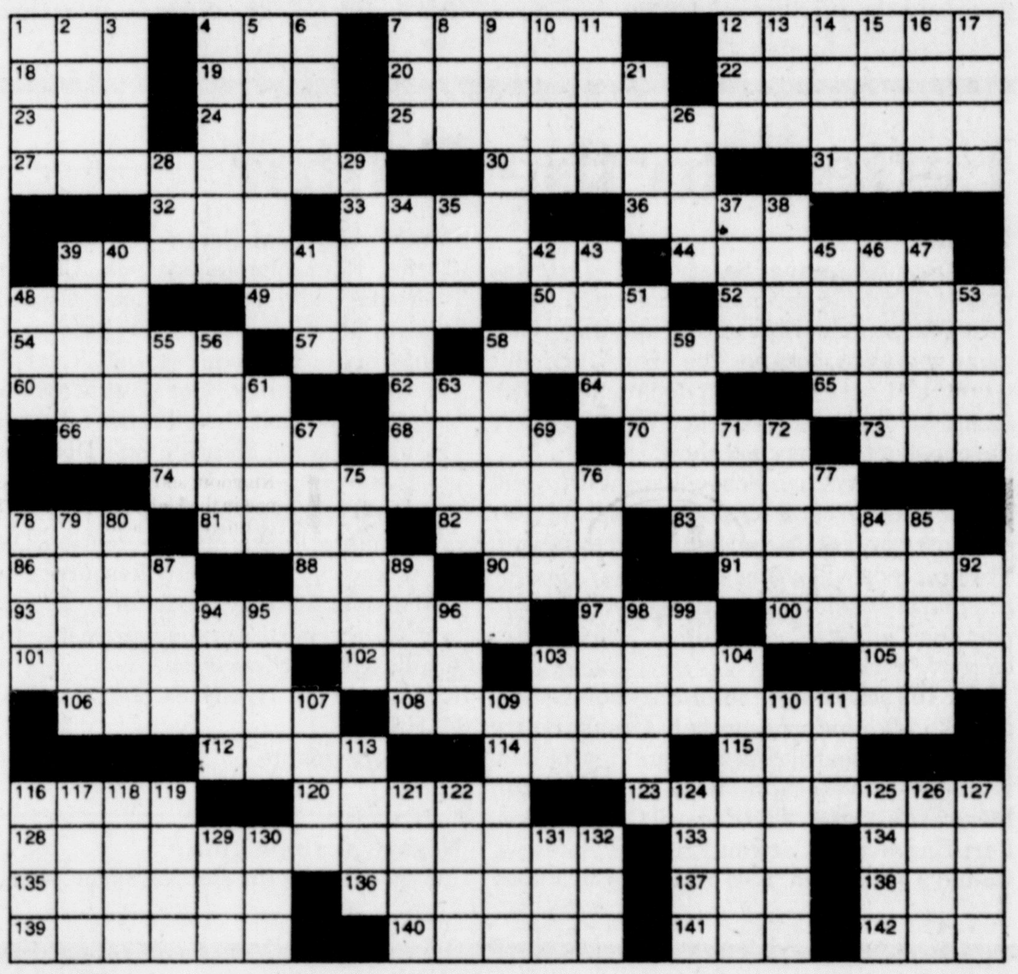
ACROSS
1 It may be tipped
4 W.C. Fields quote?
7 Poisonous plant
12 Social groups
18 Palindromic name
19 Important numero
20 Ages
22 Lama or imam
23 Singer Shannon
24 CEO, e.g.
25 Silent performer
27 Like Donne's poetry
30 Aquatic mammal
31 Slight
32 Zombie ingredient
33 Memphis deity
36 Obligation
39 Famed anthropologist
44 — fin
48 Scand. nation
49 Summarize
50 Computer acronym
52 Kitchen utensils
54 — one's time (waits)
57 Weber's "— Freischutz"
58 '98 home run king
60 Praise
62 Female goat
64 "O Sole —"
65 Sour fruit
66 Like some watches
68 Bradley or Epps
70 "Heat and —" ('83 film)
73 Writer Rand
74 Education pioneer
78 Woods' grp.
81 Indication
82 Wordsworth works
83 Magazine employee
86 Air bear?
88 — Gatos, CA
90 MA hours
91 Winter wear
93 Bearded bandleader
97 Lamb's dam
100 Wear away
101 Illinois city
102 Financial abbr.
103 What trumpets do
105 Diarist Anais
106 Homeric combatants
108 5th Dimension member
112 Farmer's place
114 Yemeni city
115 Bond rating
116 Lhasa —
120 Ocean vessel
123 Glass' "— on the Beach"
128 "Full Metal Jacket" star
133 Team scream
134 Humorist George
135 Babbled
136 Mame, for one
137 Consumed a knish
138 Gender
139 Lady of Spain
140 Moshe of Israel
141 Contemporary
142 Use a shuttle

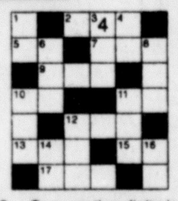
DOWN
1 Muslim pilgrimage
2 Lost
3 Soft mineral
4 "Bah! —!"
5 Boxer Johansson
6 Baird or Witherspoon
7 Theological sch.
8 — tree (cornered)
9 Sulky
10 Part of 12 Down
11 Atkins or Huntley
12 Calculating person?
13 O'Hare info
14 Incites Rover
15 Rock hound?
16 Jacob's twin
17 Pencil piece
21 "Ethan Frome" prop
26 Eloquent equine
28 Rink legend
29 Caroline, to Ted
34 Celebrity
35 Little devil
37 Comice kin
38 Math subject
39 Shearer of "The Red Shoes"
40 "As You Like It" setting
41 Silly Skelton
42 Periodontists' org.
43 Campus digs
45 Whips up a waistcoat
46 Spanish city
47 Croce's Mr. Brown
48 Leno's network
51 Loses control
53 Noted
55 Dutch treat?
56 Patriot Deane
58 Ramble
59 Animal that roared?
61 Singer Amos
63 Melville novel
67 Tenor Beniamino
69 Hwys.
71 Fountain order
72 Threefold
75 "I'm — Cowhand" ('36 song)
76 Getty or Parsons
77 "Take — leave it!"
78 Heart, e.g.
79 "Peer Gynt" composer
80 "Maltese Falcon" actress
84 Maine town
85 Chatter box?
87 Square measure
89 Actor Pickens
92 Berry or Olin
94 Sped
95 Construct
96 Bartok or Peron
98 One of the Osmonds
99 Directional suffix
103 Command
104 Stem
107 "— Hand" ('81 hit)
109 One in a million
110 Salted snack
111 Purrfect pet?
113 South American capital
116 Current amount
117 Unwind a rind
118 Mikita of hockey
119 Conductor Klemperer
121 Stentorian
122 Writer O'Brien
124 Neighbor of Pakistan
125 — Haven, CT
126 Brainstorm
127 Casanova's cry?
129 "— Alibi" ('89 film)
130 Author LeShan
131 Nicole on "Fame"
132 Browning's bedtime?



Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
2. Three times 16-Down
5. Consecutive digits in descending order
7. 6-Down plus 10-Down
9. Three more than 2-Across
10. Consecutive digits in descending order
11. Six more than 5-Across
12. Ten more than 7-Across
13. 12-Across plus 11-Down
15. Five more than 10-Across
17. Four times 1-Down

DOWN
1. Ten more than 10-Across plus 4-Down
3. Consecutive digits in ascending order
4. Three times 14-Down
6. One-half of 9-Across
8. 5-Across plus 10-Across plus 10-Across
10. One hundred more than 17-Across
11. Two times 8-Down
12. Two hundred more than 3-Down
14. Thirty less than 10-Across
16. Sixty more than 5-Across

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Z	W	U	R	P	M	O	J	H	E	A	C	Z	X	U
S	Q	N	L	J	D	L	R	D	P	G	E	C	Z	X
V	T	R	P	Y	N	E	L	E	J	H	E	C	A	Y
W	Y	V	T	R	H	C	R	A	T	P	N	L	K	I
G	E	V	C	T	B	U	E	D	G	L	Z	X	W	U
S	R	P	A	O	M	L	T	Y	N	N	E	P	L	J
I	G	E	E	E	D	A	N	D	I	U	B	W	A	Y
X	F	W	U	D	H	R	U	T	S	S	H	Q	P	O
T	H	G	I	L	N	L	O	Y	O	R	T	K	J	H
C	I	M	O	T	A	G	C	Y	L	F	F	D	C	B

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Atomic
Body
Counter
Dead
Feather
Fly
Heavy
Hundred
Light
Losing
Middle
Molecular
Paper
Troy
Welter

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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N	R	N	S	W	E	A	U	E	C	A	L	D
6	8	4	5	3	2	8	3	5	2	4	7	4
O	P	A	D	V	C	E	A	K	E	T	N	I
5	2	4	8	7	2	8	4	3	2	5	8	3
N	S	V	R	T	S	S	E	N	F	O	I	C
6	2	4	5	7	3	5	3	2	3	5	7	3
L	U	S	W	N	E	L	M	L	E	E	O	N
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E	T	I	E	R	F	E	E	T	U	N	D	T

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Moments in time

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• On **May 31, 1759,** lawmakers in Pennsyivania adopt a law forbidding the performance of plays. The law was adopted in response to pressure from religious groups, particularly Baptists, who found theatrical performances immoral.

• On **June 4, 1919,** the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote, is passed by Congress and sent to the states for ratification. The 19th Amendment became law on Aug. 26, 1920, after 36 states ratified the amendment.

• On **June 6, 1944,** Supreme Allied Commander General Dwight D. Eisenhower gives the go-ahead for largest amphibious military operation in history: Operation Overlord, code named D-Day, the Allied invasion of northern France. Before the day was over, 155,000 Allied troops would be in Normandy.

• On **June 5, 1956,** Elvis Presley creates an uproar when he introduces his new single, "Hound Dog," on The Milton Berle Snow, scandalizing the audience with his suggestive hip gyrations.

• On **June 3, 1965,** 120 miles above the earth, Major Edward H. White II becomes the first American astronaut to walk in space when he steps out of the hatch of the Gemini 4 capsule.

• On **June 1, 1968,** Helen Keller dies in Connecticut at the age of 87. A normal infant, she was stricken with an illness at 19 months, probably scarlet fever, which left her blind and deaf. Keller circumvented her disabilities to become a world-renowned writer and lecturer.

• On **June 2, 1997,** Timothy McVeigh, a former U.S. Army soldier, is convicted on 15 counts of murder and conspiracy for his role in the 1995 terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. The blast collapsed the north face of the nine-story building and killed 168 people, including 19 young children who were in the building's day-care center.

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He that would make his own liberty secure must guard even his enemy from oppression; for if he violates this duty he establishes a precedent that will reach to himself.

—Thomas Paine

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CRITIC'S CORNER

By D.N.A Smith

"Van Helsing"

Running time: 135 minutes
MPAA rating: PG-13

A couple of years ago, writer/director Stephen Sommers breathed new life into Universal's "Mummy" franchise. Sommers' latest attempt, "Van Helsing," tries to reinvent and revive Universal's Dracula, Frankenstein and Wolfman characters for a new generation. The resulting film is, without a doubt, the most colossally stupid, tedious and awful movie released this decade.

"Van Helsing" is so horrible that 20 minutes into the film I wanted to drive a stake into my own heart.

I know what you're thinking, "Oh come on, it can't be THAT bad." Yes, it can. Let me count the ways:

1. I haven't heard Slavic accents so laughably bad since Boris and Natasha hunted Moose & Squirrel.

2. Although set in the 18th century, all the main characters dress in outfits and use slang that is modern.

Nit-picking? A little. But wait, it gets worse.

3. In this version of the Dracula story, the Count cannot be harmed or killed by holy water, garlic, a stake through the heart, silver bullets, you name it. The only thing that can kill Dracula is a bite from a werewolf. So who does Dracula hire as his minions? Yup. Dozens of werewolves. Nothing says "Evil Genius" like surrounding yourself with a battalion of relentless killers who have a hankerin' to take a bite out of you.

Of course, Dracula has an "antidote" for werewolf bites. He keeps a syringe loaded with the antidote in a booby-trapped room. And the syringe is

Hugh Jackman as Van Helsing.

encased in a 3-foot-high glass egg that's filled with acid.

Still not convinced? Howzabout this?

4. Dracula's plot is to unleash tens of thousands of bat babies from their cocoons so they can feed on humanity and turn the peoples of the world into vampires under his grip.

There's a snag in the plan, though. The bat babies can't be brought to life until they receive an electric shock that has first passed through the body of Frankenstein's monster. Whaaaa?

Stupid? Yes. And what stinks is that "Van Helsing" isn't the "good" kind of bad movie — the kind you and your friends can sit and make fun of. No. "Van Helsing" just sucks the fun right out of you.

GRADE: F

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Books

Eats, Shoots and Leaves: A Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation
by Lynne Truss
(Gotham Books, $17.50)

Your Own Words
by Barbara Wallraff
(Counterpoint Press, $24.95)
Reviewed by Ealish Waddell

"Eats, Shoots and Leaves" was a surprise best-seller in the United Kingdom and is now turning out to be one in the United States, too. The title is lifted from a joke about a panda walking into a bar (of course) who, taking his mispunctuated dictionary entry literally, forgoes his usual meal of bamboo bits to shoot up the place instead. And then leaves.

That is just one example of the mischief bad punctuation can cause. This book is packed with many more, perpetrated by everyone from average Joes to famous authors to multinational corporations. A few are, literally, a matter of life or death! Writing in a witty, relaxed and righteously indignant style, author Lynne Truss actually gets you to care about getting punctuation right.

However, Americans reading "Eats" may be confused by differences between the standard British and American styles of writing. How do you know which one is "right"? As our second book, "Your Own Words," points out, even experts often disagree on what is proper language.

Author Barbara Wallraff warns that no source is actually "definitive," but that dictionaries, stylebooks and Web sites each have their strengths and weaknesses. With intelligence and wit, she teaches writers to sift through the options to find the precise information they need, provides some particularly sticky language questions as examples and, when an authoritative answer just can't be found, encourages writers to think critically and make sound decisions for themselves.

Both books are entertaining reads, but "Your Own Words" may prove to be the more useful addition to your reference library.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

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TEST DRIVE

by Greg Zyla

2004 Chevy Malibu Maxx LS
Base price: $21,600
Price as tested: $25,165

This week, we're behind the wheel of the new 2004 Malibu Maxx LS, a car Chevrolet says offers the comfort of first class for the price of a coach-class ticket. We tend to agree.

The Malibu Maxx competes in a highly competitive class, so offering a unique package that features maximum passenger comfort and impressive interior and cargo dimensions gives it an edge. The wheelbase has also been stretched from the 2003 model by a whopping 6 inches, resulting in both a better ride and excellent cabin dimensions. Surprisingly, the car is a half-inch shorter than its predecessor.

Chevrolet calls Maxx a five-door extended sedan and hopes to cash in on this all-new category. Inside, the rear seat slides nearly 7 inches fore and aft. The seat is also split 60/40, and offers cushion and recline adjustments. All Malibu Maxx models are equipped with "fit the driver" ability, offering power-adjustable brake and accelerator pedals, a tilt/telescopic steering column and a power seat-height adjustment.

Our tester included the optional ($995) rear DVD entertainment system, which offers a 7-inch flip-up LCD screen, two sets of infrared headphones, video game jacks, remote control and independent audio selection. It works great, and the sound is true movie-theater quality.

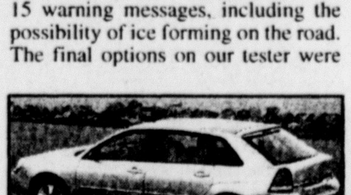
As for being quiet, a fully isolated powertrain cradle with tuned bushings (usually found on high-end luxury vehicles) enhances the Malibu Maxx's very hushed ride. Handling is very good, thanks to an independent front suspension with MacPherson struts and a four-link independent rear suspension.

One of the features we grew to love was the optional factory-installed remote vehicle starter system, allowing the driver while indoors to start the car outside on cold winter mornings or sweltering summer afternoons. The system is part of a $925 Preferred Equipment group, which we highly recommend.

Standard safety features include dual-stage front air bags, three-point safety belts for all occupants, four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes with traction control, and a child-seat attachment system in all rear seating positions.

The standard drivetrain is GM's new 200-horsepower 3.5-liter V-6 mated to a Hydra-Matic 4T45-E four-speed electronic automatic transmission. The result is good performance and excellent fuel efficiency, with 22 mpg city and 30 mpg highway EPA numbers.

All Malibus come with the expected powers, plus features like a driver information center integrated into the radio display that provides more than 15 warning messages, including the possibility of ice forming on the road. The final options on our tester were



2004 Chevy Malibu Maxx LS

Likes: Functionality, cargo area, cabin, remote start, ride

Dislikes: Lateral seat support, design could be more aggressive

OnStar in-vehicle communications and assistance service for $695 with one-year service, and the enjoyable XM Satellite Radio for $325.

Important numbers include a 112.3-inch wheelbase, 3,458-pound curb weight, 16.6-gallon fuel tank for 87-octane fuel, and a 1,000-pound trailer towing capacity. The cargo area (the space behind the back seats when they are in normal position) of the Malibu Maxx deserves special note, with 22.8 cubic feet available — nearly 50 percent larger than the trunks of other mid-size sedans.

The bottom line came in at $25,165 with $625 destination included, a very fair retail price for a car that offers so much. When incentives and discounts are applied, you'll park Malibu Maxx in your driveway for much less. We rate it a 9 on a scale of 1 to 10, and guarantee that this "new" car is really new.

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Philomena Corradeno

YUMMY DESSERT STARTS WITH CANNED PEARS

You're in good shape if you have a supply of canned fruits in the pantry that you can reach for to add pizazz to simple meals. Today we're highlighting pears.

Last year the Pacific Northwest Canned Pear Service released the results of a study it did of the eating habits of America's youth, especially of 'tweens, kids aged 6 to 12. It found, as its sixth-grade "Ambassador," Danielle Finn, told me, that 'tweens said they would eat more healthful "things" if they were easy to make or reach. And what could be easier to reach than a can of fruit? Pears are found diced, sliced, halved and cut in chunks, in heavy or light syrup, water, natural pear juice or other fruit juices. Many cans carry Kosher certification symbols.

Fruits — and vegetables — for canning are harvested at the peak of ripeness so you are assured of full flavor, texture and color.

The convenience of canned pears make them a boon for the cook who needs a new angle for an entree, side dish, condiment or salad. And, let's not forget dessert. They solo deliciously, or can be topped with ice cream, whipped cream, syrups, sauces, crushed cookies or leftover cake crumbs.

For our Sweet Pear Crepes, make your own crepes or buy them ready to use. Or, even use thin pancakes. The Baked Pear Pudding is another yummy dessert made quick and easy with biscuit mix.

SWEET PEAR CREPES

2 (15-ounce) cans sliced pears
2 tablespoons pear juice
1 tablespoon butter
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 medium banana, cubed
1 package (8 crepes) store-bought crepes

Drain pears thoroughly, reserving juice.

In skillet, combine 2 tablespoons pear juice, butter, brown sugar, lemon juice and vanilla. Cook, stirring, over high heat until boiling. Stir in pear slices and banana chunks; heat about 2 minutes, stirring frequently to coat fruit well. Place 1/2 to 2/3 cup fruit mixture on each crepe. Fold crepes over, forming a triangle. If desired, top with a dollop of a mixture of 1 cup ricotta cheese, 2 tablespoons pear juice and 1 tablespoon powdered sugar. Makes 4 servings.

BAKED PEAR PUDDING

1 (15-ounce) can sliced or chunked pears
1 cup biscuit mix
1/4 cup chopped nuts
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
2 tablespoons lemon juice

Drain and chop pears, reserving 1 cup pear syrup. Toss together biscuit mix, nuts, cinnamon and pears. Place pear mixture in shallow baking dish. Combine reserved pear syrup, brown sugar and butter. Heat to boiling. Add grated lemon zest and lemon juice. Pour over pear mixture. Bake in 375 F oven 30 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

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CELEBRITY extra

by Evelyn Green

Q. Is Anna Nicole Smith coming back to her reality series, or is it over now that she's lost all that weight? — *Louanne E.*

A. Smith is not only coming back next season, she's added two new careers to her already busy schedule. She will be starring in a feature film, and will soon introduce a new line of clothes she designed herself.

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Q. There used to be an actor named Richard Boone who starred in a series about a gunman for hire. Do you have the name of that series? Also, was he related to Pat Boone, the singer? — *Robert H.*

A. Richard Boone starred as Paladin (the name comes from an old English word meaning champion of justice) in the series "Have Gun, Will Travel." Paladin always charged his clients a lot of money for his services so that he could afford to have a box at the opera in San Francisco and serve champagne and caviar to his lovely lady friends in his hotel suite.

Boone was once asked if he was more like Paladin, the gun slinger, or Paladin, the suave, music-loving, silk-dressing-gown-wearing gentleman, Boone answered, "I'm more like me."

Apparently all the show-business Boones — Richard, Pat and Brendon ("Garrison's Gorillas") — are related to ole Dan'l himself, making them kin to each other.

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Q. I have a few questions about Charlize Theron. First, I read that English was not her first language. What language did she originally speak? Also, is she related to the late dancer Juliet Prowse? If so, how? — *Rita K.*

A. Oscar winner (for "Monster") Charlize Theron first spoke Afrikaans, a language developed from the 17th-century Dutch spoken by South African settlers from Holland. (Her parents, however, were not Afrikaaners: Her mother was of German descent, and her father of French origin.)

Charlize Theron

Although Theron had once planned to be a ballet dancer, and considered the South African-born Juliet Prowse one of her idols, the two are apparently not related.

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Q. Will there be a "Mission: Impossible 3," and will Tom Cruise stay with it or, as we've heard, leave it for another actor to pick up? — *Jay and Marge L.*

A. There will be a third "Mission: Impossible" flick, and Cruise will be in it, along with Carrie-Ann Moss, whose role has not yet been made public.

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Q. Whatever happened to Tori Spelling ("Beverly Hills 90210"), who seems to have disappeared? Did she give up acting? — *Sue G.*

A. Tori Spelling has agreed to do a pilot for UPN called "Me, Me, Me," which is about a couple of New York women (Spelling is one of them) who use their female "assets" to climb the social ladder in the Big Apple.

Have a question for Evelyn? E-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• Paris was the home of the first moving sidewalk — way back in 1900.

• When working with animals in show business, it isn't always easy to make them do what the director wants them to do, so trainers have come up with various ways to trick the animals. For instance, if you ever see in a movie or on television a dog looking at a picture in a book, you can be sure that it's not the image that holds its attention; in all likelihood, there's a fair amount of cheese smeared on the page.

• It's been reported that Scottish actor Sean Connery, of early James Bond fame, believes in reincarnation. It seems that he thinks that in a past life he was a railroad builder in Africa, and that the cause of his death was heavy drinking.

• William Shakespeare holds an almost hallowed place in the canon of English literature today, but he was not always universally revered. Lord Byron said in 1814, "Shakespeare's name, you may depend on it, stands absurdly too high and will go down. He had no invention as to stories, none whatever. He took all his plots from old novels, and threw their stories into a dramatic shape, at as little expense of thought as you or I could turn his plays back again into prose tales." Byron may have been an accomplished poet himself, but he was certainly a failure as a prognosticator.

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Westwood Motel Ken Patel & Jayj Patel, Managers

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No matter what time of the year you stay there, you will always find the accommodations to be meticulously clean with each room offering comfort, charm and a unique personality all its own. Business owners and corporate executives are invited to inquire about special rates. After all, what better way to impress out-of-towners than to make reservations for them at **Westwood Motel**? Your visitors will be treated to individual attention and comfortable, cozy surroundings.

Don't settle for anything else when **Westwood Motel** offers a refreshing change of pace at very reasonable rates. If you need a break from the hustle of everyday life or don't have the room for visiting relatives, contact **Westwood Motel** at **371-5146** for reservations or more information.

KTL Truck Line Serving The Area For Over 13 Years

In this area, the company to call for any general commodity trucking is **KTL Truck Line**. They are located in West Sacramento, and may be reached at **362-0120**.

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Vince's Motel "Hospitality At Its Finest"

If you are planning your wedding, a family reunion or any other type of get-together where you expect out-of-town guests, and you don't have the extra room for these visiting relatives or friends, **Vince's Motel** may be exactly what you need. Plan for your guests to enjoy the comfort of being made to feel at home with service that cannot be excelled when they visit **Vince's Motel**, conveniently located in West Sacramento at 840 Harbor Boulevard, phone **371-1502**.

Vince's Motel features a peaceful and quiet atmosphere designed to please even the most particular. All of their rooms are fully heated and air-conditioned, feature-cable TV and are tastefully decorated, very clean and comfortable. The management is dedicated to serving each of their visitors' needs, whether it be an extra blanket, wheelchair accessibility or directions to the nearest shopping or local attraction. For your eating enjoyment, they have an Italian diner on the premises.

Visit soon and see for yourself why they have become the answer for so many during times like these. Your guests will always feel welcome at **Vince's Motel**, where quality and comfort are their standards of excellent service.

Dan's Service "Proudly Serving The Area For 21 Years"

If you're particular about your car, then you should be very particular about who does the service and repair. People in this area make it a point to go to **Dan's Service**, located in West Sacramento at 526-A Galveston Street, phone **373-1808**.

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Before you take your car anywhere, be sure to drive in to **Dan's Service** and get their estimate on that repair or overhaul work. With the high price of gas, it would be a real investment to have your engine checked to make sure you're getting the best gas mileage possible. You can depend on the trained mechanics there to do the job accurately, economically and in the shortest time possible. Owner Dan LaTurner has been specializing in *Volksuagens* for 20 years. Stop in today at **Dan's Service** for the finest in complete automotive repair.

Westgate Apartments

At **Westgate Apartments**, their keys open the door to more than just an apartment. They unlock all of the amenities you've been searching for in a convenient location. Today, many people are turning to the apartment for comfortable living and convenience. By renting instead of owning, you can eliminate maintenance expense, real estate tax and other home-owner headaches.

The buildings and grounds of **Westgate Apartments** are professionally managed and well-maintained at all times, and the owner is always on the property. Ample parking in well-lit areas is provided. These apartments are conveniently located near area businesses, restaurants, schools and shopping areas. They offer you a real sense of privacy as well as convenience. **Westgate Apartments** features one-bedroom units with spacious baths and remodeled kitchens. They also feature a swimming pool and offer great living for adults.

Look to **Westgate Apartments** for more than just a roof over your head. All of their apartments are beautifully designed to fit your needs. They are located in West Sacramento at 501 Michigan Boulevard, Suite 7. Call the office at **371-5993** for additional information and unit availability. If you would like worry-free living in a modern comfortable atmosphere, there simply is no other choice.

Academic Bail Bonds

George Naylor, Owner • Serving The Area Since 1972

No one likes to consider the possibility of ever spending a night in jail, but an unexpected DUI or misunderstanding could result in your having to face two or three days in custody. In the event of such an occurrence, it is comforting to know that a reputable bail bonding service is ready, willing and able to serve you. In this area, people have come to know they can depend on **Academic Bail Bonds**, located in Sacramento at 816 H Street, Suite 113, phone **991-2245**.

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In this day and age, many innocent people are jailed. For this type of emergency, a bail bonding service is an invaluable asset and friend to have. When you need a reputable, professional bail bonding service, remember **Academic Bail Bonds**.

River's Edge Bar & Grill

Owned & Operated By Nataliya & Robert Villarreal

Great food and good times are just some of the reasons why **River's Edge Bar & Grill** has become so popular with the people of the area. Friends gather to enjoy everything from a few beers during the ball game to a light snack or full course meal any time. An extensive menu featuring dozens of delightful choices awaits you when you stop by.

River's Edge Bar & Grill is located in West Sacramento at 2125 West Capitol Avenue, phone **374-9155**. Enjoy all the games this season on their big screen TV in a warm, cozy atmosphere. Dine in intimate cozy surroundings with a beautiful nautical theme enhanced by their friendly service. You will enjoy an affordable menu of traditional excellence for light or hearty eating. **River's Edge Bar & Grill** is a favorite gathering spot whether it be for Happy Hour, weekday afternoons or late night fun and socializing. Feel free to play a game of pool or darts while you're there. For your enjoyment, they feature live blues music every weekend. On Sunday, they have a blue's jam hosted by Guitar Mac and his Blues Express Band. New musicians are always welcome to come play. You're sure to have an all-around great time there!

Visit the sports bar that has pleased so many of your friends and neighbors. Stop in soon at **River's Edge Bar & Grill** for fun, drinks and a wonderful time.

Penny Rod & Bait Shop

Celebrating Their 20-Year Anniversary

Make your fishing trip a success with the right equipment and bait from **Penny Rod & Bait Shop**. If you're a fisherman and you aren't familiar with what they have to offer, you have been missing out. Located in West Sacramento at 1271 Merkley Avenue, phone **372-8813**, this store is the fisherman's headquarters in this area. Take in your catch of the day for a drawing ticket, get it weighed, and have a picture taken to be entered into a monthly drawing.

Penny Rod & Bait Shop offers an inventory of fishing tackle and accessories that can supply everything you'll need for your fishing trip. Whether you're a Saturday fisherman or heading out for a week-long expedition, they can outfit you for it. They have everything from reels to lures and will be glad to advise you on the tackle best suited to your needs. In addition, they offer live bait of every type—blood worms, crickets, live minnows, squid, feeder fish and more.

Besides the fishing equipment and bait they offer, they have an annual record board, and those who stay on the board until December 31, 2004, will receive a special gift valued at more than $100.00. They know the fishing in this area, and they don't mind telling you about the best spots. Make **Penny Rod & Bait Shop** your fishing headquarters and, while you're there, ask them about THEIR big one that got away! Purchase your 2004 fishing license there and get a chance to win a 2005 fishing license on December 31, 2004.

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SPECIAL MENTION

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'ACROSS THE BRIDGE':

Events around the region

Daughters of American Revolution meet

The Sacramento Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its June 14 meeting at the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Boulevard in Sacramento. The meeting begins at 11 a.m. and Jan Scully, Sacramento County District Attorney will be the guest speaker. For more information, call 916-364-8800.

Indian Elder's Day

The Sacramento Historic Sites Association in cooperation with California State Parks will sponsor Honored Elder's Day on June 5th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the State Indian Museum grounds at 2618 K Street in Sacramento. Respects will be paid to those California Indian Elders who keep their traditions alive through song, language and dance. There will be Native American dancers, food booths, crafts and a raffle. For more information, call 324-0971.

German genealogy society meets

The Sacramento German Genealogy Society will meet on June 22nd at 1 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church on Lusk Drive at St. Mark's Way in Sacramento. Jennifer Anderson will speak on "Solving German Emigration Problems through the Internet." For more information about the society call 782-5704.

Toy train show

The Train Collectors of America will sponsor a toy train show at the Scottish Rite Center, 6151 H Street in Sacramento on May 29th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $3 and children under 12 free. There will be operating train layouts and used trains and replacement parts for sale. For more information, call 929-4455.

Happenings at the zoo

The Sacramento Zoo is hosting its Fifth Annual International Migratory Bird Day. Bird talks by birding groups and crafts will be part of the activities.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m. On May 24 docents will lead guided tours of the zoo and refreshments will be served.

The Sacramento City Zoo is located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park in Sacramento.

Puppet festival

Beginning May 1st, Tuesdays through Sundays, puppets will take the stage at Fairytale Town's annual Puppet Festival, featuring ten weeks of imaginative entertainment for all ages. For more information on performance themes and times, call 264-5233. Tickets for these performances are only $1 for non-members. Fairytale Land in located at 3901 Land Park Drive in Sacramento.

Genealogical association meets

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento will meet at 1 p.m. on May 26th at the Belle Colledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive in Sacramento. The program is entitled "Siblings and Collateral Lines." Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information, call 682-8004.

Wildlife viewing

The Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge will feature docent guided walks on June 12 and 26 where you will be able to go through grasslands and see birds of prey and other wetlands happenings. To reach the refuge trail head, take I5 to the Elk Grove Boulevard exit, turn west, and park; the refuge entrance is adjacent to the highway. For more information, call 775-4420.

Dude ranch visits

If you are planning a vacation for yourself or your family, visiting a dude ranch might be just what you're looking for. For information you can visit www.duderanch.org or contact The Dude Ranchers' Association, PO Box 2307, Cody, WY 82414 for a free directory of over 100 dude ranches in 12 western states and two Canadian provinces.

Folsom History Museum exhibit

From March 20th to July 18th the Folsom History Museum will feature an exhibit about the Portuguese population of the Sacramento area from the earliest immigration in the 1850s to the present. The museum is located at 823 Sutter Street in Folsom. For more information call 985-2707.

Farm sanctuary opens

Farm Sanctuary, America's premier farm animal shelter, will begin its 2004 season on April 3rd. Visitors will have an opportunity to meet hundreds of rescued farm animals. Tours will be conducted every hour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays through the end of November.

From I-5, take the Orland exit marked Chico/CA-32. Turn west off the freeway. Travel approximately nine miles and you'll see the farm sanctuary on the right at 19080 Newville Road.

Alzheimer's society meets

The Alzheimer's Aid Society of Northern California Support Group for the Memory Impaired will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in May at 10:30 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Aid Society Office, 2641 Cottage Way, Suite #4 in Sacramento. For more information on other related groups and meetings, call 448-7001.

News-Ledger Directory of Local Places of Worship

Anna Street Baptist Church Rev. Norman Pollitt, 371-6560 1400 Anna St., W. Sac. **Traditional Worship** Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. http://www.forministry.com/95605ASBC	**Community Lutheran Church** Rev. Marjorie C. Beach, Pastor 920 Drever St., 371-8804 10am Worship/Sun. School Friendly, family, inclusive language The 'come as you are' church	**Seventh Day Adventist Church** H. Eugene Miller, Pastor, 334-9315 2860 Jefferson Blvd., W. Sac. PO Box 447, W. Sac. 95691 Sat. Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 11am 372-6570
First Baptist Church Gary Clements, Pastor 1511 Delaware Ave., 371-4061 Morning Wrshp/Sun Schl 9:45am Adult choir 4:45pm Child. Choir 5pm/Prayer Grp 6pm Jr./Sr. High Youth Grp 6:30pm Tues. Nite Bible Study 7pm Wed. Nite Akawana (K-6) 6:30 Thurs. Nite Quilting 7pm	**Trinity Presbyterian Church** 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. Rev. Steve Whitney (916) 371-5875 Service: Sunday at 10 a.m. including children's programs	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. near Todhunter 371-1211 Rev. Chad Puthoff, SDS Sat. Vigil 5pm (English) Sun. 9 (English) Noon & 7pm (Spanish) Mon. 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish) Fri. 8:30am
First Southern Baptist Church Rev. Gregory W. Kirk Sun. School 9:30am Sun. Worship 11am, 6:30pm Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111	**SouthPort Community Church** Pastor Bruce Maier Celebration Worship Sunday 10:30 a.m. KidLand during service Youth & Small Group Ministry for All Ages. 2568 Industrial Blvd. 372-7818 ww.southportcommunity.com	**Westside Covenant Church** 371-3933 Meeting Sunday at 10 a.m. at Westfield Village Elementary School 508 Poplar Ave. West Sacramento
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father James B. Walsh, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30am Weekdays 7am No Mass on Thursday	**New Discovery Christian Church** Meets at Southport Elementary School, 2747 Linden Rd. at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Jerry Green	**Center for Spiritual Awareness** 1020 W. Capitol Ave. 374-9177 Sun. services 9 & 11 am Junior Church, 11 am Multicultural Gospel Choir Wed. 7 pm Peace Prayers *'The last place you should catch hell is in your church"*

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AMENDED SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

Case Number (Número del Caso) ED 03-471

In the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Yolo

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (Aviso al demandado)

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City of West Sacramento, a municipal corporation.

You must file with the court a written pleading in response to the complaint within 30 days after summon is served on you. Unless you so respond, your default will be entered upon application by the plaintiff, and the plaintiff may apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint, which could result in garnishment of wages, taking of money or property or other relief. Copies of the complaint filed in this action, and all other pleadings filed in this action, may be reviewed and obtained from the Yolo County Superior Court Clerk's Office and the office of Plaintiff's Attorney at the addresses noted in this summons during normal business hours.

You may seek the advice of an attorney in any matter connected with the complaint or this summons. Such attorney should be consulted promptly so that your pleading may be filed or entered within the time required by this summons.

DETAILED SUMMARY OF THIS MATTER:

Plaintiff City of West Sacramento requires certain real property within the City of West Sacramento for its Lake Washington Boulevard Extension and Southport Framework Plan Projects (collectively "Project"). In particular, it is necessary to acquire certain real property interests ("Property") for the construction, operation and maintenance of a right-of-way, sewer main, detention pond and recreation corridor, and related improvements.

The Property which the Plaintiff City of West Sacramento seeks to condemn is located entirely within the municipal boundaries of the City and consists of two narrow strips of land approximately 50 to 70 feet wide and totaling approximately 88,673 square feet. The Property is presently vacant and is generally located westerly and easterly of the Yolo Short Line Railroad. The Property has been identified by the Yolo County Assessor as portions of APN 046-020-141 and 046-020-151. The Property is also referred to as APN 046-020-14 and 046-020-15. The Property is more particularly described in the following section of this summons.

Plaintiff City of West Sacramento is informed and believes, and therefore alleges, that the Defendants named herein, are, and at all times relevant have been, the owner(s) of record of the Property, and interests therein, and/or otherwise claim an interest in the Property.

After notice and hearing pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1245.235, the City Council of the City of West Sacramento, on February 19, 2003, passed and adopted Resolution No. 03-10 declaring that the public interest and necessity require the acquisition by Plaintiff of the Property, and interests therein, for the proposed Project.

Plaintiff City of West Sacramento is, and at all times relevant has been, authorized by law to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire private property for public use pursuant to Government Code section 37350.5 and the provisions of Eminent Domain Law comprising Title 7, Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure (commencing at section 1230.010). Based upon this legal authority and pursuant to Resolution No. 03-10, Plaintiff City of West Sacramento filed the above captioned eminent domain action on March 5, 2003 seeking to condemn the Property.

DETAILED PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Through the above captioned eminent domain action, Plaintiff City of West Sacramento seeks to condemn, and acquire a fee interest in, the following real property:

All that certain, real property situate in the City of West Sacramento, County of Yolo, State of California, described as follows:

PARCEL No. 1: All that portion of Swamp Land Survey No. 2261 in Section 9, Township 8 North, Range 4 East, M.D.M., described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Northeasterly corner of Parcel 2, being a point on the Southerly right-of-way line of Lake Washington Boulevard, as said parcel is shown and designated on Parcel Map No. 4413, filed in Book 2000 of Maps at Pages 7 and 8, Yolo County Records; thence from said point of beginning, along the Southeasterly boundary line of said Parcel Map No. 4413 North 22°46'41" East 129.85 feet to the Northerly right-of-way line of said Lake Washington Boulevard; thence along the Southeasterly projection of said Northerly right-of-way line South 76°54 '39" East 49.71 feet to the Northwesterly line of the Yolo Short Line Railroad (formerly Sacramento Northern Railway) right-of-way; thence along said Northwesterly right-of-way line South 22°46'41" West 129.85 feet to the intersection with the Southeasterly projection of said Southerly right-of-way line of Lake Washington Boulevard; thence along said projected line of Lake Washington Boulevard North 76°54'39" West 49.71 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 6,363 square feet, more or less. Portion of APN 46-020-14

PARCEL No. 2: All that portion of Swamp Land Survey No. 2261 in Section 9, Township 8 North, Range 4 East, M.D.M., described as follows:

BEGINNING at the most Westerly Southwesterly corner of Parcel No. 4, being an angle point on the generally Westerly line, distant thereon South 22°47'12" West 557.83 feet from the Northwesterly corner of thereof, as said parcel is shown and so designated on the "Survey for West Sacramento Port Center, Inc," filed in Book 10 of Maps and Surveys, Pages 80, 80, 82 and 83, Yolo County Records; thence from said point of beginning, along the Southerly line of said Parcel No. 4, North 89°42'22 East 67.94 feet to a point 121.80 feet measured at right angles from the centerline of the railroad tracks of the Yolo Short Line Railroad (formerly Sacramento Northern Railway); thence parallel with said centerline South 22°47'12" West 33.66; thence North 76°54'10" West 63.40 feet to said Southeasterly right-of-way line of the Yolo Short Line Railroad; thence along said right-of-way line North 22°47'12" East 17.70 feet to the point of beginning. .

Containing 1,605 square feet, more or less. Portion of APN 46-020-15

PARCEL No. 4: All that portion of Swamp Land Survey No. 2261 in Section 9, Township 8 North, Range 4 East, M.D.M., described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Southeasterly right-of-way line of the Yolo Short Line Railroad (formerly Sacramento Northern Railway) from which the Northwesterly corner of Parcel No. 4, as said parcel is shown and so designated on the "Survey for West Sacramento Port Center, Inc," filed in Book 10 of Maps and Surveys, Pages 80, 80, 82 and 83, Yolo County Records, bears North 22°47' 12" East 575.53 feet; thence from said point of beginning, South 76°54'10" East 63.40 feet to a point 121.80 feet measured at right angles from the centerline of the railroad tracks of the Yolo Short Line Railroad; thence parallel with said centerline South 22°47'12" West 295.73 feet to the Northwesterly corner of that certain parcel of land conveyed to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Sacramento by deed recorded in Book 600 at Page 501, Official Records of Yolo County: thence along the Northwesterly projection of the Northeasterly line of said Roman Catholic Bishop of Sacramento parcel of land North 67°15'48" West 62.50 feet to said Southeasterly right-of-way line of the Yolo Short Line Railroad; thence along said right-of-way line North 22°47'12" East 285.11 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 18,151 Square feet, more or less. Portion of APN 46-020-15

PARCEL No. 5: All that portion of Swamp Land Survey No. 2261 in Section 9, Township 8 North, Range 4 East, M.D.M., described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of that certain parcel of land conveyed to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Sacramento by deed recorded in Book 600 at Page 501, Official Records of Yolo County, said point being located 121.80 feet measured at right angles from the centerline of the railroad tracks of the Yolo Short Line Railroad (formerly Sacramento Northern Railway); thence from said point of beginning, along the Northwesterly line of said Roman Catholic Bishop of Sacramento parcel of land South 22°47'12" West 1000.86 feet to the centerline of the easement right-of-way described in Deed to Reclamation District No. 900, recorded February 8, 1918 in Book 93 of Deeds at Page 443; thence along the centerline of said easement right-of-way and the Northwesterly projection thereof North 67°15'48" West 62.50 feet to the Southeasterly right-of-way line of said Yolo Short Line Railroad; thence along said right-of-way line North 22°47'12" East 1000.86 feet to a point on the Northwesterly projection of the Northeasterly line of said Roman Catholic Bishop parcel of land; thence along said projected line South 67°15'48" East 62.50 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 62,554 square feet, more or less. Portion of APN 46-020-15

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es)

Yolo County Superior Court
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Woodland, California 95695

The name, address and telephone number of Plaintiff's attorney is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante es)

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. 04-CA0066 Loan No. LM187655 APN: 010-503-211 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08-17-2001 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On 05-25-2004 at 12:00 P.M., PROFESSIONAL LENDERS ALLIANCE, LLC, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 08-28-2001 as Instrument No 2001-0030717-00 in book --, page --, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of YOLO, State of CALIFORNIA. Executed by JILL KAY BETHUNE, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN **WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue West Sacramento, CA** All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said county and state described in said deed of trust. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **610 ELIZABETH ST WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605 LEGAL: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to wit, estimated to be **$78,008.66.** Date: 04-30-2004 **PROFESSIONAL LENDERS ALLIANCE, LLC 1665 Scenic Avenue, Suite 200 Costa Mesa, CA 92626 916 387-7728 ROBERTA DORRELL TRUSTEE SALES OFFICER** ASAP590376 05/05, 05/12, 05/19

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 04-00239 Loan No. 17659575 Title Order No. 4700942 APN 058-041-04-1 FHA # 043-5251183703 You Are in Default Under a Deed of Trust Dated 01/28/94. Unless You Take Action to Protect Your Property, it May Be Sold at a Public Sale. If You Need an Explanation of the Nature of the Proceedings Against You, You Should Contact a Lawyer. On May 25, 2004, at 12:45 PM, **ARM Financial Corporation** as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on 02/02/94 Instrument 003689, Book 2605, Page 173 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of YOLO County, California, executed by: DAVID C. BUTLER AND TRACIE L. BUTLER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, Will Sell at Public Auction to the Highest Bidder for Cash (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier=s check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: AT THE NORTH ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL LOCATED AT 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: "As more fully described on the above mentioned Deed of Trust". The property heretofore described is being sold Aas is@. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1124 DELAWARE AVENUE., WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, toBwit: $83,181.73 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Date: 05/03/04, **ARM Financial Corporation**, P.O. Box 85309, San Diego, CA 92186-5309, Sales Information (916) 974-6099, General Information (858) 689-9735 HAZEL GARCIA, ASSISTANT SECRETARY NPP0110562 05/05/04, 05/12/04, 05/19/04

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We talk of our mastery of nature, which sounds very grand; but the fact is we respectfully adapt ourselves, first, to her ways.

—Clarence Day

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There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature—the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after the winter.

—Rachel Carson

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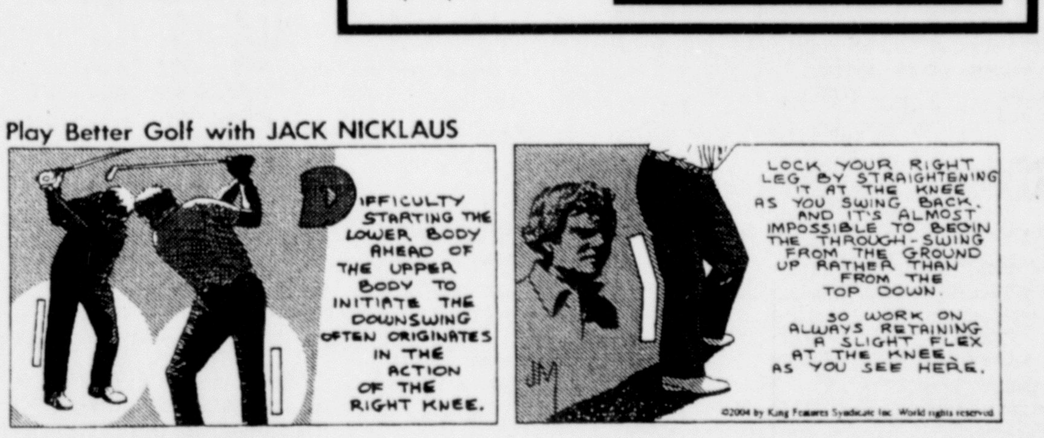
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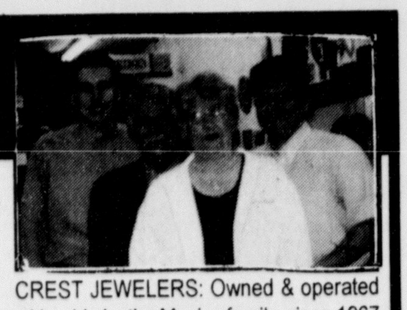
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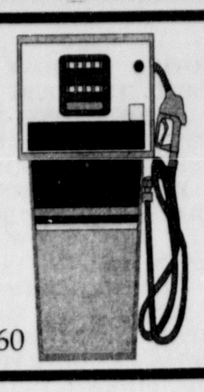

Local Scene

Benefit for 'Meals'

Friends of "Meals on Wheels" presents the annual Epicurean Esprit, to be held Thurs., May 20, from 6-9 p.m. at the home of David and Candis Snow in Woodland. The fundraiser offers you cuisine and wine from many of Yolo County's finest chefs and winemakers, and proceeds benefit the "Meals on Wheels" program, which brings food to local shut-ins. Tickets are $40, by advance purchase only. Call the Elderly Nutrition Program, (530) 662-7035.

Calling all artists

The Downtown Woodland Art Walk, scheduled for Wednesday, May 26 in Woodland, is still accepting space reservations for artists. The event will offer artists each a 12' X 6' space along Main Street for $20, and the event is part of the "Spring Into Downtown" food faire and art walk. Call Joy Cohan, (5300 668-8195.

Buddha's birthday

The City of the Dharma Realm Monastery and Educational Center will host a "Bathing the Buddha" ceremony from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and "Cherishing Youth Day" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 23, at 1029 West Capitol Ave. (at Merkley). There will be a vegetarian lunch and music. All ages welcome.

Youth sports

The West Sacramento Parks and Community Services Department is registering kids age 10-16 for free sports programs at the UC Davis campus involving swimming, aquatics, basketball, tennis, fencing and soccer. The programs run June 28 to Aug. 2, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Limited enrollment; call 617-4620.

Casino trip

The Italian Catholic Federation #282 will sponsor a bus trip to the Cal Neva Casino in Reno on May 24. Cost is $23, with a $10 cash rebate. Departure is 10 a.m. and return time is 9:20 p.m. For reservations, call 371-4871.

Baseball

The parks department is accepting registration for "Junior Giants Baseball," a free program for boys and girls age 5-17 (T-Ball, minor, major and seniors leagues). Games are played Saturdays beginning June 6. Coaches are needed as well. Call 617-4620.

Theater

Indulge your inner thespian. The new West Sacramento Community Theater will hold auditions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sat., May 15, with call-backs beginning noon on May 16, for a production of Shakespeare's "Merry Wives of Windsor. Auditions will be held at the Yolo High School Gymnasium, 920 Westacre Rd., and are open to those who live or work in West Sacramento. For more information about auditioning or about becoming a theater volunteer or sponsor, call 491-1085 or email wsct9@aol.com.

Vets' benefits

The American G.I. Forum is holding an open house on June 4 at 7 p.m. to discuss benefits for military veterans. Members will help with application procedures. The open house will be held at the VFW Hall, 905 Drever Street in West Sacramento.

Kerry for Prez

A "Kerry for President" house party is planned for Friday, May 21, from 7-9 p.m. at 735 Oeste Drive in Davis. A jazz ensemble is part of the festivities.

Lose weight

'TOPS,' or Take Off Pounds Sensibly, plans an open house May 21 at Florin United Methodist Church, 7560 Florin Road in Sacramento, from 9:30-11 a.m. For more information on the nonprofit group, call 372-8403.

Chief's retirement

The public is invited to honor the West Sacramento Police Department and its newly retired chief, Gary J. Leonard, at a celebration Thursday, May 20, at 6 p.m. at the West Sacramento Civic Center.

Youth football

The West Sacramento Junior Raiders invite local kids age 6-14 to register for the coming season. Sign up online at www.westsacjrraiders.com. For more information, call Rick at (916) 417-8406.

Wine, fashion

A wine tasting and fashion show are scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday, May 21, to aid Hands Together, Inc., which provides programs for youth, special-needs children and at-risk families in Yolo and Sacramento counties. The event will take place at the West Sacramento Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue. Admission is $30. Call Mary Jo Bryan, (530) 669-3285 ext. 25.

Youth soccer

Registration is now invited for West Sacramento Soccer. You may register May 19 or June 3 at Johnnie's Sidewalk Pizza, 1301 Merkley Avenue, from 5-8 p.m., or Sat., June 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bryte Park (Carrie St. at Todhunter). Youths age 4-19 are welcome. Openings for coaches and for referees. Registration is $60 per child before June 19. New players bring 1-inch square photo and non-returnable copy of birth certificate (not a hospital certificate). Returning players, bring 1" square photo with name on back. Call 375-0503 for more information.

Blood drive

The City of West Sacramento will sponsor a blood drive for Sacramento BloodSource on Wed., May 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The mobile coach will park in the civic center parking lot, 1110 West Capitol Avenue. Each pint of blood can be separated into different components, and may help up to three patients in need. Giving blood is safe from disease. Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 lbs. and be in good health. For information or an appointment, call Kryss at 617-4528.

Gospel music

Anna Street Baptist Church invites you to enjoy Gospel music from the "River City Gospel Quartet" as part of a worship service scheduled for Sunday, May 23, at 11 a.m. at 1400 Anna Street. Call 371-6560 for information.

Bless your pet

You and your pet are invited to Community Lutheran Church's annual pet blessing service at 6 p.m. on Wed., May 26, 920 Drever Street. Please bring your pet in a container or on a leash. The 20-minute services include sharing, blessing, prayers and singing, with treats afterwards. For information, call 371-8804.

History

The Sacramento Historical Society will meet Tuesday, May 25, at 7 p.m. at the state history museum, 1020 O St. in Sacramento. The program will feature JoAnn Levy speaking on her latest book featuring two women who were friends from Sing Sing Prison during the Gold Rush. Call 485-7723 for information.

Books for babies

The East Yolo Friends of the Library is sponsoring "Books for Babies," made possible by the Yolo Co. Children and Families Commission. Intended for children under a year old, gift bags include a bib inscribed "Born to Read," age-appropriate books, a bookmark, an application for a library card for parents, information on the importance of early reading, and a list of suggestee reading. Available in English or Spanish. Visit the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library (1212 Merkley Ave.) with your baby, a birth certificate or birth announcement. First-come, first-served, limited supply. Program begins May 17. For information, call 375-6465.

Book sale!

The next book sale at the Arthur F. Turner Library is scheduled for Sat., June 5 and Sun., June 6 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 10-2 on Sunday). Sunday will be "buck-a-bag" day. Books, magazines and audio visual materials may be donated at the library year-round. Proceeds from the sale benefit library programs. The library is located at 1212 Merkley Avenue.

Affordable homes

'Habitat for Humanity' offers an opportunity for low income families to obtain a home. To find out more, attend a meeting either Sat., June 5 from 9-11 a.m. or Wed., June 9, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Whitehead Elementary School, W. Southwood St., Woodland. You must attend a meeting to obtain an application. Call (530) 668-4301.

Casino trip

Casa Mobile Park is scheduling a bus trip to Feather Falls Casino on Thursday, May 20, departing at 8:30 a.m. Cost is $15 with $10 cash back at the casino. On-board raffles. Call Chris Charles, 372-3408.

Lighting help

Improve the quality of your business's lighting at little or no cost through the "Lights Lite" program, co-sponsored by Yolo County, West Sacramento and other Yolo cities as part of the Yolo Energy Efficiency Project. A typical small business may receive a lighting retrofit worth $1,100, but $900 or more of the cost is paid by the program. The business then benefits from reduced energy costs, with better color rendering and no buzzing or flickering tubes. Businesses in Yolo that participated last year created an annual average savings of about $1,700 on their electric bill. Call (530) 753-9337 or visit www.ci.west-sacramento.ca.us/cityhall/departments/redev/ed/lightslite.pdf.

Foster parents

Nearly 200 young people found shelter last year in the county's 45 foster homes, and more foster parents are needed. Families with energy and a willingness to open their home are sought. The Woodland Community College Foster and Kinship Care Education Program (free of charge) supports licensed foster parents and kinship providers, and can be reached at (5300 668-9231. 'Grandparents Raising Grandchildren' supports grandparents and other relatives who are primary caregivers, and can be reached by calling 1-888-594-5437. For more information on becoming a foster parent, call (530) 666-8471.

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industry and were surprised that the yacht industry plummeted. Were they ignorant, yes, was it negative campaigning to describe them as ignorant, no, was it accurate to say that their actions cost thousands of workers jobs, yes. Was that negative, no.

John Kerry's voting record has been described by various liberal groups as the most liberal record out of all 100 US senators, that would make his voting record extreme by that measure, accurate yes, negative no.

Is President Bush anti-choice or pro-life? The accurate label would be pro-life, the negative label anti-choice.

Hard hitting campaigning accurately talks about a person's voting record, the consequences of their votes, and if it gives someone a label, such as extreme, backs it up with facts.

Negative campaigning inaccurately describes a person's voting record, distorts the consequences of their votes, and smears a person with labels without being able to accurately backup their label.

As the election season goes on watch for negative campaigning and watch what people will refer to as negative even though it is just hard hitting campaigning. Be an aware voter, armed with the truth and the facts.

KARL MACHSCHEFES
West Sacramento

Cartoon not appreciated

Shame on you Sacramento Bee. On May 16th you published a propaganda cartoon of U.S. military personnel raising the American flag while standing on top of a pile of nude bodies. Your propaganda cartoon not only insulted the American people and our honorable service personnel, it endangered every American citizen, civilian and military. Propaganda is the fuel that wins or loses the hearts and minds of people and wars. It can be a weapon of mass destruction. Example: Hitler. Or, turn a nation against itself: Vietnam, and now, the war on terrorism? They wouldn't have to lift a finger.

With it's propaganda cartoon, characterizing U.S. military personnel as evil and the American flag as standing for evil, the Sac Bee, a newspaper in the capitol city of the most populated state in the U.S., joined America's sworn enemy, terrorists.

The publication clearly serves the enemy in wartime and endangers America's national security.

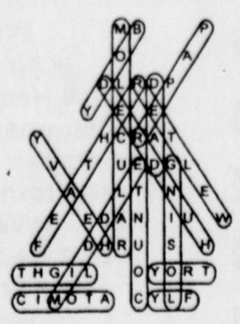
My grandson is a U.S. Marine serving in Iraq. I, and his family, consisting of six households in the Sacramento region alone, demand an apology from the Sac Bee for my grandson.

JULIA HARRINGTON
West Sacramento

Answers to 'Sports Quiz' (p. 3) and Puzzles (p. 8)

Answers

1. Andre Thornton in 1978.
2. The St. Louis Browns in 1939.
3. Terrell Suggs of Arizona State had 22 sacks in the regular season in 2002 and added two more in a bowl game for 24 overall.
4. Eight — Rick Adelman, Hubie Brown, Larry Brown, Mike Dunleavy, Phil Jackson, Don Nelson, Jerry Sloan and Lenny Wilkens.
5. Atlanta's Danny Heatley in 2003.
6. Six — 1982, '83, '88, '98, '99, '03.
7. George Foreman won the title in Jamaica, defended it in Tokyo and Caracas, Venezuela, and lost it in Zaire.



Differences: 1. Roof panel is missing. 2. Glove is missing. 3. Shirt is different. 4. Number is different. 5. Arm is moved. 6. Sign is missing.

Rational Numbers *answers*

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